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More Troops Arrive

BRITAIN, U.S. PLANNING AID SCHEME FOR FE

London, August 9.

The suggestion that Britain and America were moving towards an aid scheme for the Far East, similar to the role of the Marshall plan for Europe, was made by the political correspondent of the Conservative "Daily Telegraph" today.

It was claimed that the Communist victories in China would give urgency to such a scheme.

All Available Men In Action On Huge Front FURTHER GAINS REPORTED

Canton, August 9.

General Chu Teh, Commander-in-Chief of the Communist Armed Forces, has put all his available men into the battle-front, a competent Chinese military observer said here today.

Taiwan Bans "China Mail" "Morning Post"

Suppression of news and views has never helped a cause, stated the Hong Kong Government spokesman yesterday.

He was referring to the banning in Taiwan of the oldest English-language newspaper in the Far East, the "China Mail," as well as the "South China Morning Post." The spokesman added that there is no excuse for such arbitrary action.

The two newspapers have been banned since June 26.

ANOTHER ATTACK BY PIRATES

The latest victim of the recent attacks by Pearl River pirates on river shipping between Hong Kong and the Chinese river ports arrived here yesterday none the worse for her experience.

She is the mv. Kwai Wah, which ran a gauntlet of small arms fire from the shore at Nam Pak, seven miles from Canton, on Monday while en route to Hong Kong, without sustaining any casualties or damage.

The pirates shot at the 350-ton motor vessel for 15 minutes as she sped away out of range successfully. The Kwai Wah's personnel did not relate, according to an official of the Hop Kwan Hong, local agents.

Seized By Pirates

It may be recalled that only a month ago the Kwai Wah was seized by 70 pirates and stripped of her cargo. Ten hostages were taken by the marauders.

Meanwhile, a report that the Chinese river vessel Wen Hsing was attacked en route to Hong Kong from Kowloon was refuted by the local agents, China Star Shipping Company, last evening.

"The Wen Hsing was behind several motor junks when the pirates fired at the junks at Pak-shar. The Wen Hsing, which was well behind, slowed down and when the firing died down appeared successfully without being fired at," a senior official declared.

The Weather

At 0800 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) pressure continues low over W and SW China with a trough extending SE across Luzon to a stationary but intensifying depression about 250 miles E of Mindanao. A ridge of high pressure from the Pacific anticyclone stretches W across Japan to Korea and NE China. Information is lacking for the E China Sea, but an unconfirmed report suggests that the depression which developed over the Ryukyu may have moved NW into the China coast E of Shanghai and intensified rapidly.

Today's Forecast—Light variable mainly SE winds. Cloudy with occasional showers.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 82.3 deg. Fah. Minimum: 72.0 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 2.2 hours.

Rainfall: 0.8 mm.—0.03 in. Total since Jan. 1—1285.7 mm.—50.83 ins. as against an average of 1414.8 mm.—55.71 ins.

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They are said to be driving forward in eight directions in an effort to end their "liberation war" and finally set up their Coalition Government at an early date.

The Communists are now engaged along an estimated 1,320-mile front. This is unprecedented in China's civil war. The front now runs from North West China to the Fukiens coast, according to this observer.

The Communist armies are now said to be advancing swiftly in eight directions. Their movements are:

1.—In Eastern Kansu, General Lin Yung-chang's 10th Army Group, comprising three armies, are driving along the Sian-Lanchow highway, with Lanchow, the provincial capital of Kansu, as their objective.

2.—General Peng Teh-huai's troops, consisting of nearly three armies, are advancing along the Lunghai Railway. They are said to have crossed the West end of the railway and have now turned North West towards Lanchow.

3.—Three armies under General Hsu Hsiang are driving towards Hanchow, their immediate objective being to cross into North Szechuan Province.

4.—Part of General Lin Piao's forces are said to be concentrated in Western Hupeh, attempting to drive directly along the highway towards Changking.

5.—Another part of General Lin Piao's armies are driving into Western Hunan. They are said to be fighting their way into Kwangsi Province to engage Nationalist General Fu Chung-hsi's main force should they retreat into that province.

Advance On Canton

6.—The rest of General Lin Piao's men are reported to be advancing Southward along the Canton-Hankow Railway. Their immediate objective is said to be Hengyang and then Canton.

7.—General Liu Po-cheng's forces have reached the outskirts of Kweichow. They will probably advance Southward along the highway in the direction of Canton.

8.—In the Kiangsi-Fukien sector, General Chen Yi's troops are advancing Southward, with Fochow as their objective. It is thought that Fukien will then be the springboard for a crossing to Taiwan Island.

How long it will take General Chu Teh's armies to conquer the rest of China cannot be predicted, this Chinese military source said.

Communist forces made further advances in the past 24 hours in the North West China and Hunan fronts, it was officially learned in Canton tonight.

General Liu Po-cheng's 14th and 18th Armies advanced nearer to Kanchow and heavy fighting is raging in the outskirts of this important Nationalist stronghold 230 miles North East of Canton.

No radio-phone communication was possible today between Kanchow and Canton.

A military spokesman confirmed tonight that a major battle had taken place at a point between Suifu and Kanchow.

Heavy Fighting At Kanchow

General Lin Piao's Communist forces, according to usually reliable sources, have occupied Suifu, 54 miles North West of Changsha.

In North West China, General Peng Teh-huai's Communist troops occupied Tungwei, midway between Lanchow and Fenchow, according to the military spokesman.

The Kansu provincial government has refused the evacuation

Estimate Of Quake Deaths Lowered

Quito, August 8. An official spokesman today said approximately 227,000 people in quake-stricken Central Ecuador were found living in the open, causing the government to scale down the estimate of deaths. The spokesman said the total probably would be found between 2,000 and 4,000.

Miguel Albornoz, secretary to President Calo Plaza Lazo, said rescue crews had reached all stricken townships and contacted the homeless who had escaped to the hills and the open country. "It is impossible to tell the total killed until we begin large-scale digging in the ruins of the towns," he said. "This is difficult because of lack of bulldozers and other machinery. The task is too enormous to be tackled with picks and shovels."

Mr. Albornoz added: "However, original estimates of the killed may be rather high. It seems now, judging by the large numbers that managed to escape to the country, that the total will be found between 2,000 and 4,000."

On the other hand, he said, "Estimates of material losses of US\$20,000,000 were 'far too little—more likely, losses will be 50 million or more.'"

He then added: "We have the problem of burying the dead now to prevent epidemics. We are burying those we are able to find in the surface rubble. The others will have to be left until we get the proper excavation equipment."

He said tents were urgently needed to shelter some 227,000 homeless wandering the hills of the countryside. He added that the government was also striving to feed them.—United Press.

Evacuation Of Foreigners From Shanghai

Shanghai, August 9. American President Lines officials said today they received 1,300 bookings for passage on a ship which is expected to evacuate Americans and other foreigners from Shanghai in mid-September.

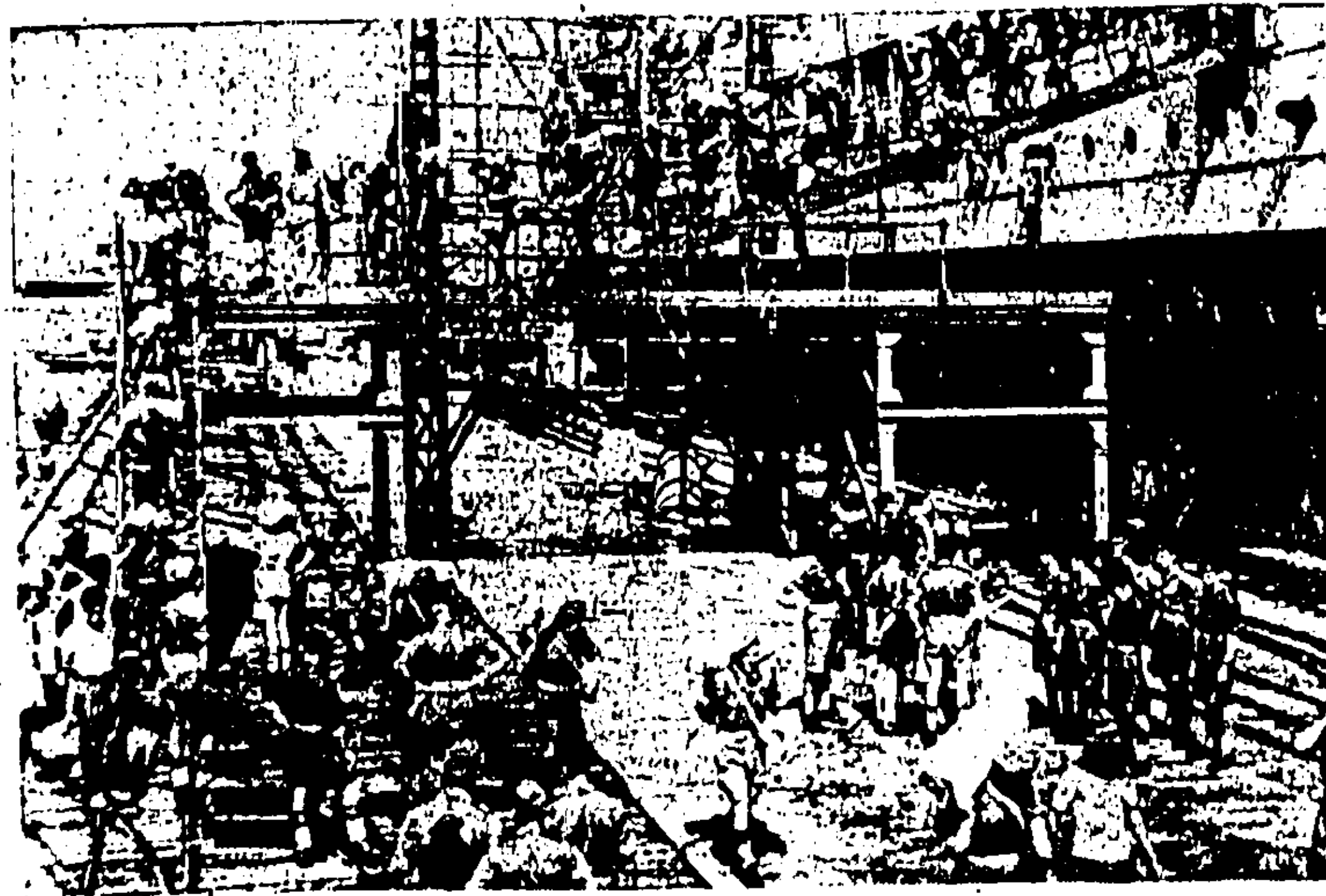
About 550 of those wishing to sail are Jewish refugees and the rest are mostly American businessmen and their families.

Shipping officials said Americans wished to leave because business has gone to pieces since the Communist occupation of the city.

Efforts are being made to send the ss. General Gordon, with a capacity of 1,600 passengers, as the evacuation ship, the officials said. The tentative sailing date is September 14.—United Press.

Frankfurt, August 9. Sixteen children were killed today when an express train hit their holiday motor-coach as it

crossed at Schiesbusch. Twenty-one other children of the 80 in the coach were seriously injured and taken to hospital.



Reinforcements are shown disembarking from the troopship Orduna at Kowloon Wharf yesterday on their arrival from the United Kingdom. The arrivals, totalling 998 men of all the Services, mostly comprised the main body of the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment, ("China Mail" Photo).

3rd Royal Tank Regiment Arrives To Swell Garrison

Further reinforcements for the Colony's Garrison—998 men of all the Services—arrived here yesterday by the troopship Orduna from the United Kingdom.

Conspicuous among the arrivals were men of the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment, headed by Lieutenant-Colonel D. J. E. O'Flynn, DSO, OBE, who was accompanied by Major W. Bazley, Major L. Graham and Regimental Sergeant Major O. A. Lester.

The Band of the Buffs was at Kowloon Wharf to greet the new arrivals. Troops arriving yesterday comprised the advance parties of the

RED CHARGE AGAINST HONG KONG

San Francisco, August 9. The Communist New China News Agency in a Peiping broadcast tonight alleged that the Hong Kong Government had "compelled" Mr. Chou Kang-ming, Standing Committee member of the Hong Kong Literary and Arts Association, to leave Hong Kong within a time limit.

The order to leave had been given on July 21, the Agency said, adding: "The persecution of progressive Chinese by the Hong Kong Government followed its promulgation of the 'Registration of Organisations Ordinance' in May and an unwarranted police search of the home of Fang Fang, a well-known Chinese Communist in Hong Kong on June 12."

The Agency also said: "Public opinion in Peiping points out that the British Government and British public opinion should consider the reaction to the arbitrary action of the Hong Kong Government in tyrannically oppressing Chinese residents in Hong Kong regardless of the protection of law afforded by the Chinese People's Government."

Some Contrast

A "responsible" member of the All-China Writers' and Artists' Federation in Peiping is also quoted by the Agency as saying: "Literary circles in China believe that the Chou Kang-ming incident is not a purely personal matter, but marks the beginning of planned and open persecution of progressive persons in Hong Kong. This stands out in sharp contrast to the just and enlightened policy of the People's Government which protects the law-abiding British nationals in liberated China by the Chinese People's Government."

The Hong Kong Government should seriously consider the consequences which may arise as a result of its reactionary oppression of Chinese in Hong Kong," the Federation member is further quoted as saying that the Hong Kong Government "had given no reason for its order to leave."

1st King's Own Scottish Borderers, the 1st King's Shropshire Light Infantry, the 1st Bn. South Staffordshire Regiment, RASC, Workshop Unit, Field Kitchen Unit, the 14th Field Regiment, 24th Field Regiment, RE, and personnel of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

The rear party of the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment is due here very shortly.

By landing craft, truck, train and on foot, the reinforcements were taken to their respective barracks.

The 3rd RTR will be billeted in the New Territories. This is the first visit to the Orient of Lieutenant-Colonel O'Flynn, who hails from London.

"An army much impressed by the green hills and brown rocks of the island as we entered port," told the press.

"The whole unit is practically in Hong Kong now. Our rear party consisting of about a dozen men will arrive soon. Some of our equipment is already here. More will come very shortly," Lieutenant-Colonel O'Flynn said.

"A Long Time"

To a query whether he knows how long he will remain in the Colony, the officer replied: "I'm afraid we'll be here for a very long time."

Most of the RTR-men seemed to share their commander's first impressions of Hong Kong.

There were here and there several veterans who have visited the Colony before. They said: "Hong Kong has not changed very much, has it?"

The men of the 3rd RTR came from Boulogne—the tank training centre. Like their commanding officer, many of them are of Irish blood.

Formed in 1910, the Regiment was the successor to the three original Tank Battalions which were engaged in active service in the First World War.

The RTR inherited the honours gained by these battalions, which included the Croix de Guerre avec Palmes. Today the men still bear the badge of the 3rd French Division on their left sleeve, a privilege including in the honours of their predecessors.

The Regiment spent the period before the Second World War at Lydd, Kent.

The last war saw them on active service again, and they will be remembered for their stand at Calais, which together with the M.R.R.C. they held in 1940.

The Regiment was re-formed in the same year and fought with the 7th Armoured Division in the Western Desert Campaign from 1941 to 1942.

From 1943 to 1944, the Regiment was in action from Alam el Halfa to the North West—Europe Campaign—from Normandy to the Rhine.

Revolts Against Reds In Honan

Nanking, August 8. The Communist New China News Agency reported today that more than 170 village societies revolted against Communist rule in Honan province last spring.

Honan province, in North Central China, adjoins Anhwei province where the Communists have claimed to put down other revolts against the Red regime.—United Press.

"Friendly Guidance" For Japs

Tokyo, August 9. General Douglas MacArthur has officially notified the United States and British forces under his command that the character of the occupation of Japan has greatly changed from "stern rigidity of military occupation" to "friendly guidance of protective forces."

AAP-Reuters reliably learned.

The Occupation Forces would henceforth hasten the assumption by the Japanese Government of Japan's own affairs, General MacArthur in said to have instructed his forces.

The necessity for extensive surveillance of many social, cultural and economic aspects no longer existed, added the Supreme Commander.

Japan's full demilitarisation and social and political reformation had sufficiently advanced for the Japanese Government to assume increasing responsibility, stated General MacArthur, according to a reliable source.

The Occupation personnel would be kindly, friendly towards the Japanese in a manner reflective of democratic ideals.

"They would avoid any interference with the Japanese Government's performance in its functions, or any action indicative of military authority, added the Supreme Commander, according to reliable sources.—Reuter.

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Statement On U.S. Policy Towards China

Laramie, Wyoming, August 9.

A major statement of United States policy towards China will be made here on Friday night by a State Department representative, according to Dr. Dale McGee, of Wyoming University.

Dr. McGee is Chairman of the Universities Institute of International Affairs at which, he said, the speech would be made. The name of the speaker had not been announced, but the State Department was arranging for a nation-wide broadcast of the statement.—Reuter.

"The proposals now being developed by British and Washington economic talks American experts for the next month are assuming the character of a Far Eastern edition of the Marshall plan for Europe, was made by the political correspondent of the Conservative "Daily Telegraph" today.

"The plan is designed to restore the old triangular pattern of trade," the correspondent continued.

"Under this European trade deficits with North America were covered, at least in part, by American imports from Eastern countries, which in turn were debtors to Western Europe.

Promotion For Amethyst Captain Expected Soon

London, August 9. An early promotion to Commander is being considered for Lieutenant-Commander John Simon Kerrans, who led the dash to safety down the Yangtze of the British frigate Amethyst, it was learned today.

It is understood that this promotion may be gazetted ahead of the next half-yearly list, or at the end of December. Such a promotion would give Lieutenant-Commander Kerrans, who is 35, an advance in seniority and make him one of the youngest British Naval Commanders.

Promotion other than by the half-yearly list in peace time is a comparatively rare event.—Reuter.

KIM KOO'S ASSASSIN GETS LIFE TERM

Seoul, August 9. Former Lieutenant Ahn Do-hi, the assassin of Kim Koo, former President, was sentenced to life imprisonment by a court martial on August 6, it was revealed today.

Ahn said before sentence was passed on him: "Kim Koo was a traitor. I am not sorry for the assassination."—Reuter.

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White Paper To Have No Effect On China Situation, Local Business Men Say

The American White Paper revealed nothing new: it was just a re-statement of facts which were common knowledge: its publication could have no effect on the China situation one way or the other.

Restrictions On Gold Are Still In Force

The Hong Kong Department of Commerce and Industry (former Import and Export Department) yesterday reiterated that the importation and exportation of gold is still prohibited.

The announcement was repeated following reports from Canton that persons leaving China may carry 20 taels of gold.

Reminders

Today

The H. Club meeting 50, Macdonald Road, 11.30 p.m.
Majesty Leasing Co. charge for Service-men at European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Pony Auction in Paddock, Race Club, Happy Valley, 5 p.m.
HK Hockey Club, annual meeting, SCM Post Board room, 5.30 p.m.
European YMCA Amateur Dramatic Club, grand evening, 8 p.m.
Shanghai Orchestra rehearsal hall of HK and Shanghai Bank, 6.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

The Barnstormers including a film, Refreshment, through the Ages, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Y's Men's Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Y's Men's Ladies Night at South Beach Shed, 6 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk by Dr. S. C. Chan on "Franchising a social problem in Hong Kong", Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

HK Light Orchestra Singers' rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 7 p.m.
European YMCA Council meeting, 6 p.m.

Court Brevities

An unemployed youth of 22, Chan Ngau-nai was sentenced to three months' hard labour and recommended to be banished by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday for indecently assaulting a Chinese girl of 16.
Defendant pleaded guilty.

A fine of \$500 or three months' imprisonment in default was passed on an unemployed youth, Chan Chi, in the same court yesterday for having in his possession 26 letters with a view to delivering them otherwise than by post.

Defendant was seen delivering a letter to No. 47, Bonham Street West by a detective constable. When stopped, 26 more letters were found in his possession.

The youth admitted that the letters came from Canton and were to be delivered in Hong Kong.

A workman employed by the Fat Lee Building Contractors was fined \$75 or three weeks in prison for stealing five lengths of iron piping from his employer.

Defendant, Kwok Ming, was employed in the building site at Victoria Barracks. He was stopped by a police constable at Wanchai and admitted the piping was stolen.

A number of traffic cases were heard in the Justices of the Peace Court at Central.

A fine of \$25 was imposed on a learner driver, Lau, Chai, for driving a lorry past a stationary tram car without exercising due care and caution.

Another learner driver, So Young, who pleaded not guilty to a charge of driving a commercial lorry at excessive speed, was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of \$25.

This was the opinion expressed by American and British business men in Hong Kong contacted by the "China Mail" yesterday.

Several American business men said Nationalist China had been written off their books ever since the Communists crossed the Yangtze in April last.

"The cracking up of Chiang Kai-shek's regime was only a matter of time ever since former Secretary of State George Marshall failed in his mission to make Chiang face facts," another informant said.

There were people in the United States who insisted on further aid to the Nationalist government but they either had no feeling of sympathy, or were not in possession of the full facts.

Future Uncertain

Questioned as to whether publication of the White Paper, and Mr. Acheson's announcement of aid to democratic elements in China, would adversely affect future trade with China, these observers believed that in any case the future was uncertain and did not look good.

It was undoubtedly to Communist China's benefit to buy from America and Britain, but there was no "must" about it. If they felt like it, they could cut off trade with abroad, though this was not likely.

In any case, the Red's purchasing would be conditioned by what they could export, and it could safely be assumed that only absolutely essential imports would be permitted.

The possibility of foreign investments in China was absolutely ruled out. It would be only a matter of time before existing private enterprises, including public utilities, would be taken over by the State.

"Existing investments might as well pack up now," local observers said.

Trade With Outside

"Are the Communists anxious for trade with the outside world? Prior to the Nationalist blockade of Shanghai, they seemed to be quite willing to do business," the "China Mail" reporter asked.

The answer was that the Communists would in the first instance place no great hindrance on trade, but they would certainly do nothing to promote it. For instance, they did nothing to break the blockade. Rather, they encouraged the people in cities to go back to the land.

"The reasoning in the cities were to be insured to an economy not dependent on outside trade.

All American and British business men agreed that business would suffer in the years ahead.

Dr. Wei's Opinion

Dr. Wei Tuo-ming who succeeded Dr. T. V. Soong as China's wartime Ambassador to the United States, said that the Nationalist Government should be the first to blame itself for having failed.

"We should not pass over to a friend who tried to help us

the responsibility when we failed in our own cause. There is no way to justify oneself when one has failed," said Dr. Wei.

Until recently, Governor-General of Taiwan Dr. Wei said that an important lesson to be learned from the White Paper is to take full advantage of past experience to improve dealing with the future.

He added: "Although no one can entirely deny that there are corruption and inefficiency in the administration and that the Nationalist government's ineptitude has much to do with the present plight, it is only the consequences of a cause rather than the cause itself."

The problem of inflation, said Mr. Wei, seems the real evil. "One can well imagine how a soldier can fight when he is so underpaid and so undernourished. How can civil servants work efficiently on such a low pay scale as we had," commented Dr. Wei.

Source Of Inflation

Dr. Wei said that some may blame inflation on the war against the Communists. But, he added, its source should be found in the long war against Japan.

"It is difficult," he said, "for a country to solve alone its post-war problems and it is very unfortunate that we under-estimated its seriousness and paid insufficient attention."

"As the struggle against the Communists is not only the cause of China but also that of America and all democratic countries anxious to co-existence with world peace, we must admit that full advantage should be taken of past experience to improve ourselves."

"Without this, we might have to resort to the hardest way to stop Communism in the Far East. We all may have to pay, even heavily, in terms of bloodshed in the future."

The "Hong Kong Times," a new Chinese journal which published its first issue on August 4, in an editorial on August 5, commenting on the recent Moscow-announced "Trade Agreement in North East," branded the famous agreement as a "Second September 18 in Asia."

The journal said China's North East is being Balkanized. For a second time after the "September 18 Incident," some eighteen years ago, Bitterly assailing Soviet Union, it accused her of bad faith, citing the August 1945 Sino-Soviet Treaty in which it was expressly stated that the Soviet Union deems Manchuria as an integral part of the Chinese Republic and reiterates the Soviet respect for China's sovereignty in the North-Eastern Provinces and territorial entity and administrative powers of China.

The so-called "Reciprocal Trade Agreement with Manchuria's Peoples Democratic Authorities" may be, forerunner of a series of attempts to set up more such "frontier" like those of Outer Mongolia, Estonia and Lithuania to become members of the Federation of States behind the Iron Curtain, the paper said.

The Soviet Union, which had in the past been highly successful in many such subversive tactics, now in concluding this "agreement" has put a thin layer of paint over China's North East for an eventual change of colour in future.

The Russians had followed the Japanese tactics of dealing with regional Chinese authorities in disension and are hot in their attempt to create a "Balkans in the Far East."

Naturally, China is far from satisfied with this. She is sure that this "agreement" is a step towards the viewpoint of world peace, it also ought to have worried the peace-loving peoples of the world as they remember the horrors of the Japanese rule in Manchuria.

These North Eastern Provinces when they fell some 20 years ago into the hands of a local warlord power inclined for world domination.

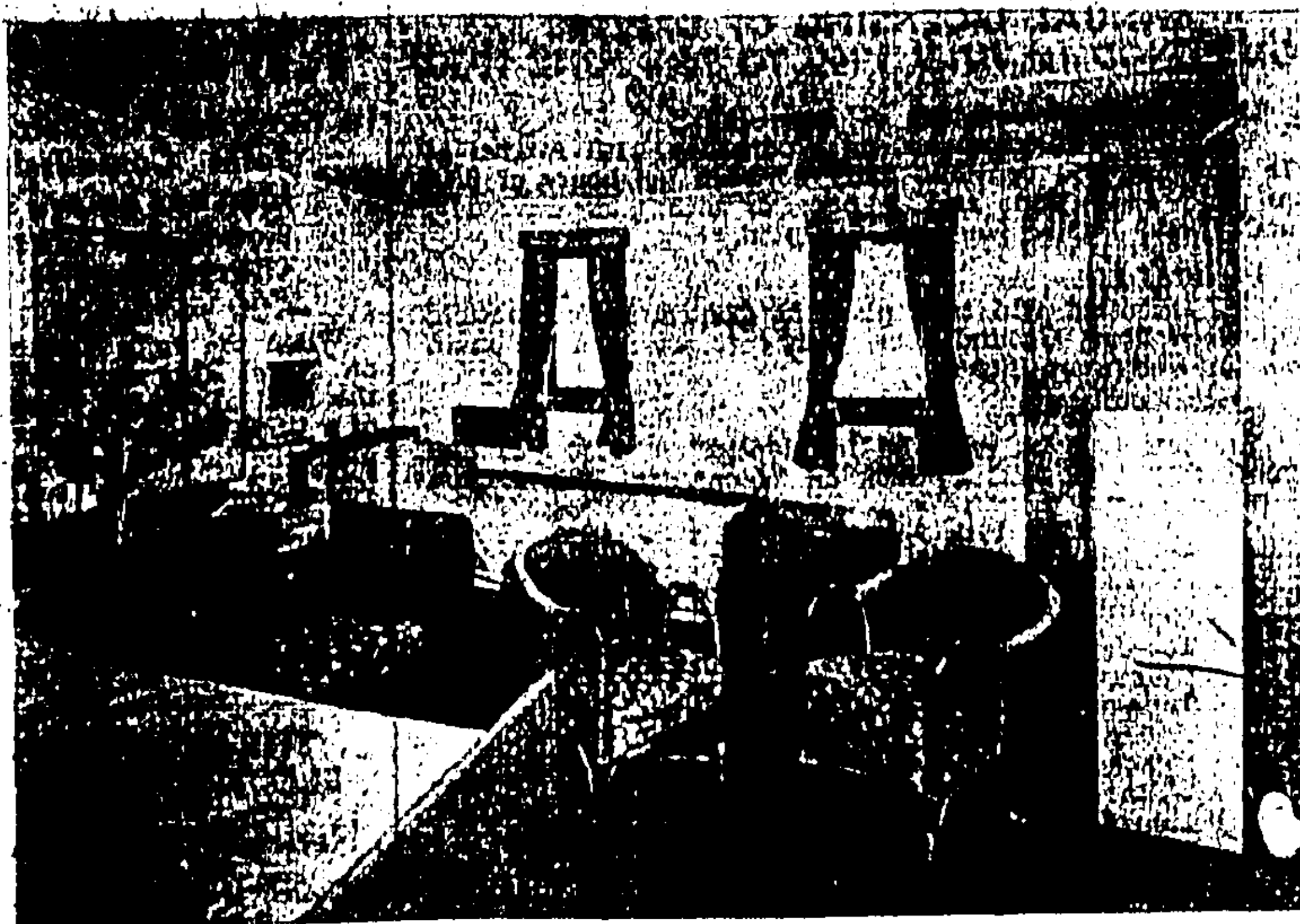
On the 22nd September, 1945, the journal concluded.

A spokesman said he was told by the British Consulate in Canton that the British Government was not in a position to comment on the White Paper.

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Pocket Luxury Liner



New Liner, mv. Changsha, Arriving On Tuesday.

Following her arrival here on Tuesday from the United Kingdom via Australia, the China Navigation Company's 7,414-ton pocket luxury liner mv. Changsha, will proceed on the second part of her maiden voyage to Japan.

There she will take on Japanese products for Australia via the Colony.

With comfortable accommodations for 40 saloon class and 42 tourist class passengers, the vessel is expected to attract considerable interest among local residents, who wish to make a round holiday trip to Japan.

Managed locally by Butterfield and Swire, the liner's principal dimensions are: Length, 374 feet; moulded breadth, 57 feet; moulded depth, 33 feet to upper deck; gross tonnage, 7,413.62; net tonnage, 4,104.43; fresh and feed water, 516 tons; cargo space (general cargo bale capacity), 6,235 tons of 40 cubic feet; chilled or frozen cargo space, 57,346 cubic feet; cargo quick-freeze space, 602 cubic feet; saloon class passengers, 40; tourist class passengers, 42; third class passengers, 70; officers and crew, 116.

There is a boat deck, promenade deck—running aft to the stern, upper deck, upper and lower tween decks and lower holds.

The Captain's quarters and deck and wireless officers' accommodation are in a house at forward end of the bridge deck, with wheelhouse, chartroom and wireless room over. Saloon passengers are on the promenade and upper deck. Tourist Class passengers on upper deck further aft, and Engineers on upper deck port side. Crew accommodation is on upper deck and upper tween deck aft. Third Class passengers lounge, mess room and sleeping quarters are in the forecastle.

The dining saloon is designed to seat 56 persons at tables and is in a house at forward end of the bridge deck. Particular attention has been paid to the accessibility around the tables for ease of service.

As the ship operates on the owners' Far Eastern services, light coloured woods were used to give effect of coolness.

There are eight 2-berth and two 1-berth cabins with private bathroom, at the forward end of the upper deck, and nine 2-berth cabins and six 1-berth cabins on the promenade deck. The furniture in light oak includes wardrobe and compactum for each passenger, cot beds, a dressing table and bedside tables in one unit, with Waterteck Splashboard and Roanold fittings, a dressing stool, armchair.

The Tourist Class passengers are accommodated on the upper deck aft, with their dining room on the main deck below.

In the cabins furniture includes double compactum wardrobe, double and single dressing chest, wash basin with splash back and toilet fittings.

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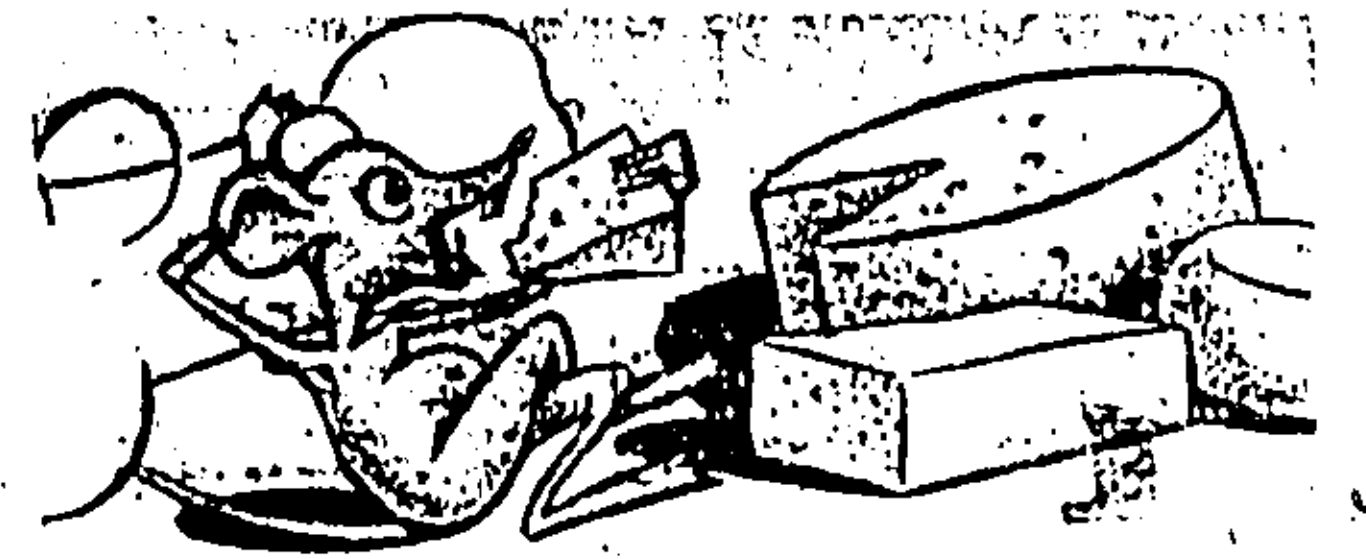
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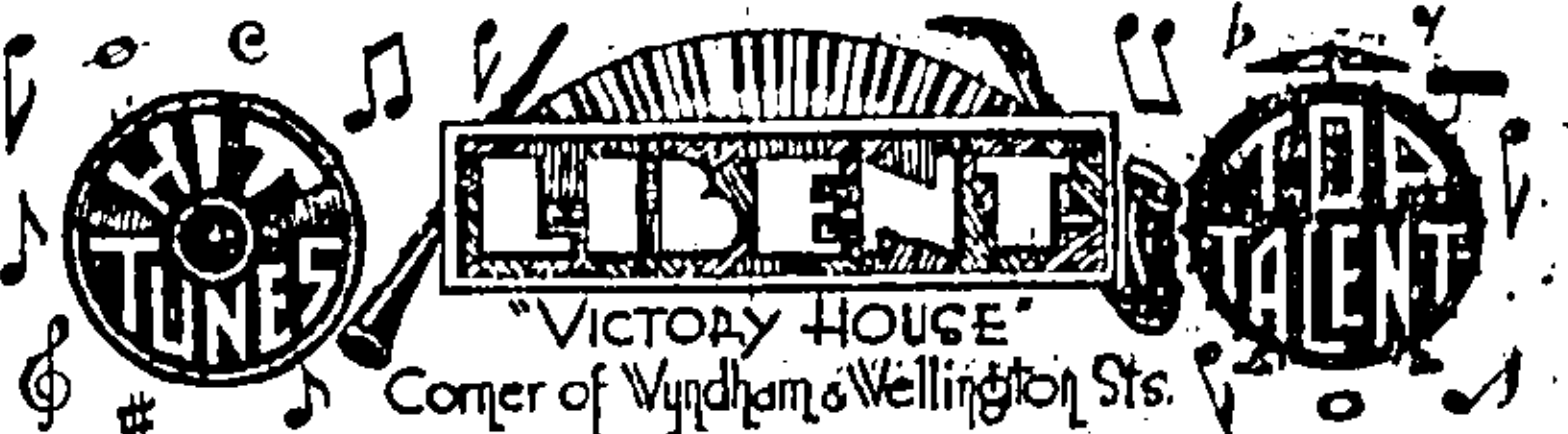
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Two Injured In Traffic Accident

Two Europeans received slight injuries as a result of a traffic accident which occurred early this morning on Boundary Street.

The accident involved a private car, numbered 4248, which accidentally ran into a stone pillar at the side of the road.

The stone pillar was broken into two pieces which were thrown yards away from the vehicle.

The driver of the car was Mr. D. Harper. He carried a European passenger in his car during the time of the accident.

Both were able to walk to the Kowloon City police station and report the accident to the police.

The car was overturned by the force of the impact.

POPE ON ENTRY OF IMMIGRANTS

Vatican City, August 8. His Holiness Pope Pius XII, declared in a letter, which was made public today, that no State should refuse entry to immigrants without just and reasonable cause.

The letter, which was addressed to Monsignor John McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati, declared: "Natural right, rather than human pity, obliges States to give men the opportunity of immigrating because the Creator of all has ordered all the goods of the world to the service of all mankind."

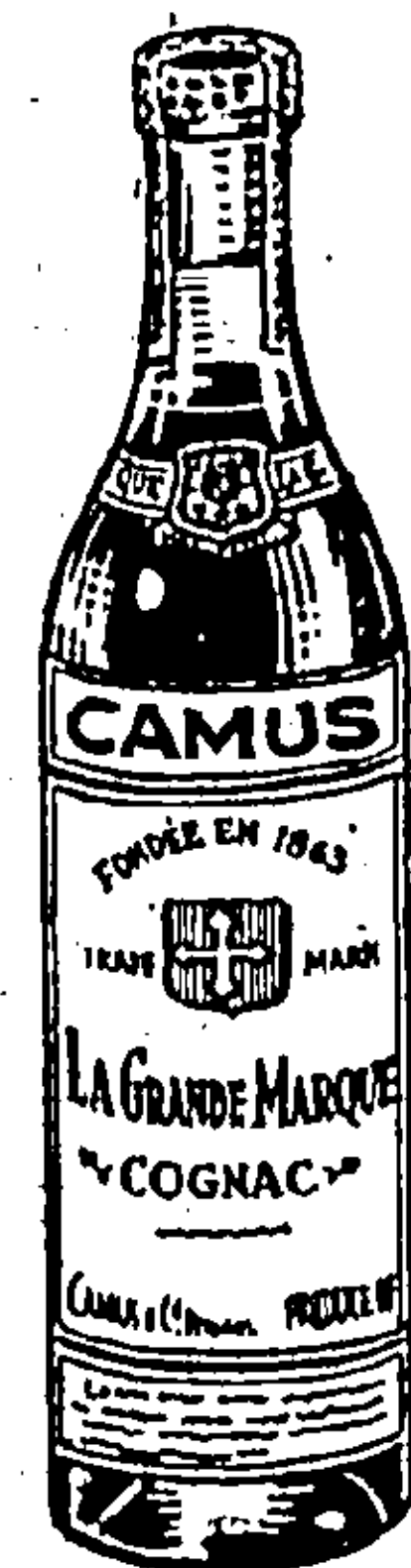
"It is for this reason that the sovereign decision of every State cannot be justified when certain regions of the earth can furnish a greater multitude in refusing entry to foreigners without just and reasonable cause," the letter said.

STRUCTURE ON CROWN LAND

Charged with erecting a structure on Crown land without lawful authority, Kai Hing-chung was fined \$50 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Asking the court to take a serious view of the case, Mr. V. J. Millington of the Urban Council stated that the structure was erected on the old Queen's College site, where a serious fire occurred some time ago. During the fire 27 squatter huts were destroyed, and demolition was ordered of the remaining huts.

Defendant was further charged with breach of an expulsion order, and sentenced to an additional eight weeks' imprisonment and ordered to be re-arrested.

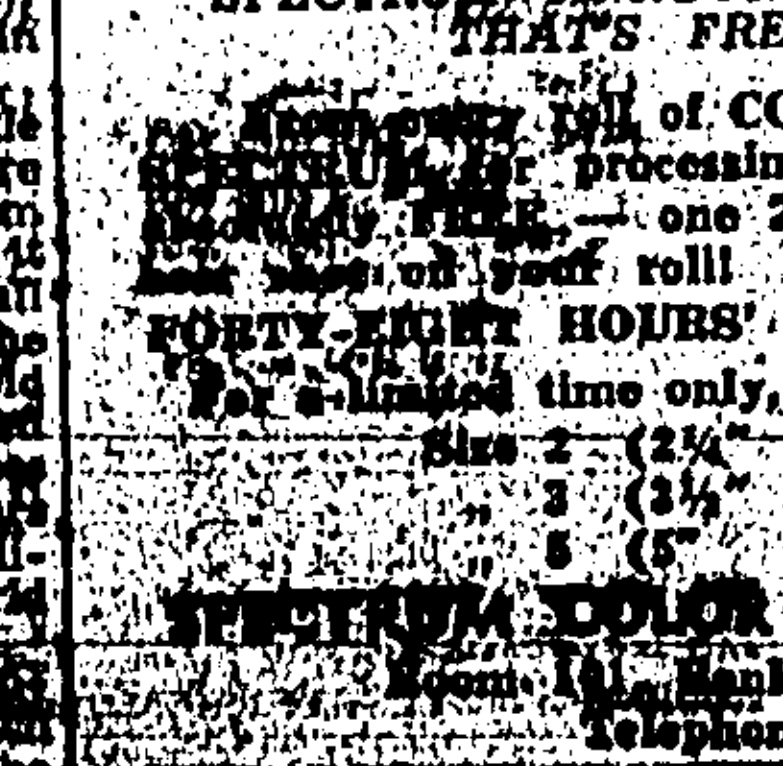
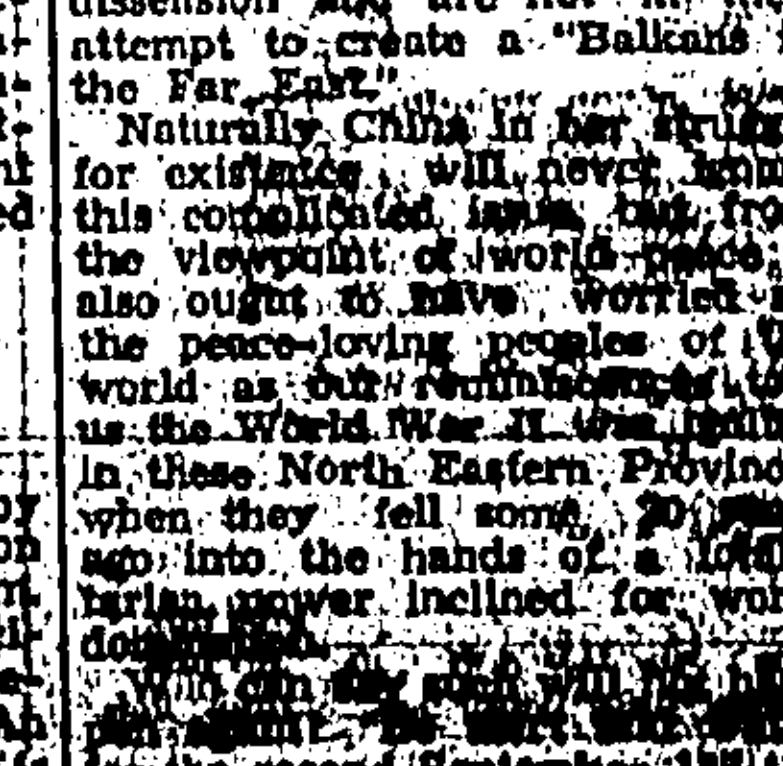
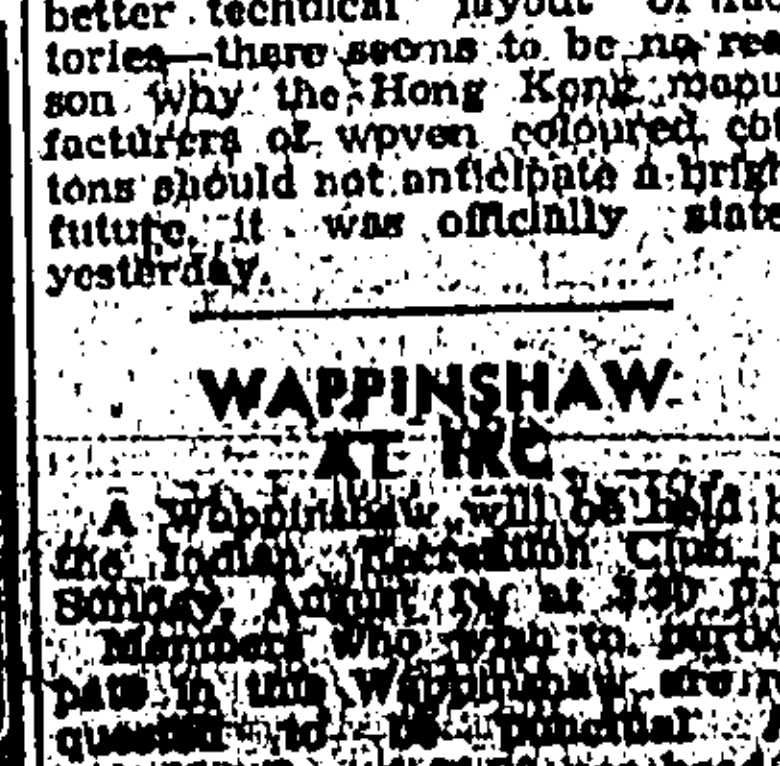


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Tender Forms and permission to view will only be issued from Section 1.A of the Naval Store Dept., H. M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, on the payment of a deposit of H.K. \$500.00, from Monday to Thursday, 8th to 11th August, 1949. The deposit will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

Completed Tender Form should be returned by hand, signed and in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for purchase of Refrigerators etc." to this office on or before Noon on Friday, 12th August, 1949.

SALE OF CROWN LAND

An auction sale of Crown Land will be held at P.W.D. Headquarters on Monday, the 15th day of August, 1949 at 3 p.m.

The area which comprises 5,000 square feet is situated at Shun Ning Road, Kowloon and is suitable for industrial purposes.

Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of August 5, 1949 or from the Crown Lands & Survey Office.

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July 28, 1949.

HONGKONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from August 15, 1949, to August 20, 1949, both days inclusive.

Dated this 8th day of August, 1949.

By order of the Board.

S. GROVE,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, August 8, 1949.

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POLICE NOTICE

ANNUAL LICENSING OF DRIVERS FOR PERIOD 1st JULY 1949 TO 30th JUNE 1950

1. Date of Commencement of Licensing
Licensing will commence on Wednesday, 17th August at 9.15 a.m. and will continue daily between the hours of 9.15 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays excepted.

2. Place of Licensing
All Licensing will take place at Central Police Station, Hollywood Road, Ground floor, with entrance from the main door in Hollywood Road.

3. Order of Licensing
Licences will be renewed in "blocks" of 1200 per day commencing with Nos. 1—1200 on Wednesday, 17th August as follows:—

Wednesday	17th Aug.	Nos. 1 — 1200
Thursday	18th "	1201 — 2400
Friday	19th "	2401 — 3600
Monday	22nd "	3601 — 4800
Tuesday	23rd "	4801 — 6000
Wednesday	24th "	6001 — 7200
Thursday	25th "	7201 — 8400
Friday	26th "	8401 — 9600
Monday	29th "	9601 — 10800
Wednesday	31st "	10801 — 12000
Thursday	1st Sept.	12001 — 13200
Friday	2nd "	13201 — 14400
Monday	5th "	14401 — 15600
Tuesday	6th "	15601 — 16800
Wednesday	7th "	16801 — 18000
Thursday	8th "	18001 — 19200
Friday	9th "	19201 — 20400
Monday	12th "	20401 — 21600
Tuesday	13th "	21601 — 23000

4. Drivers are requested, in their own interests, to attend on the day allotted.

5. A driver must produce his existing licence.

6. The fee for renewal of a driving Licence is \$5.00.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

August 9, 1949.

POLICE NOTICE

ANNUAL LICENSING OF VEHICLES FOR PERIOD 1st JULY 1949 TO 30th JUNE 1950

WARNING

1. Owners of Private and Commercial Vehicles are hereby warned that if any unlicensed vehicle is found on the road after the 16th August, 1949, prosecution will follow without further warning.

2. The registered owner of any private or commercial motor vehicle which has been taken permanently off the roads of the Colony since 1st July, 1949, is requested to notify the Traffic Office, Central Police Station immediately of the whereabouts or disposition of such vehicle.

3. Owners of vehicles who did not license their vehicles on the dates allotted to their groups may renew their vehicle licences as follows:—

Thursday 11th August	Motor Cars	1 — 2000
	Motor Cycles	1 — 500
Friday 12th August	Motor Cars	2001 — 4000
	Motor Cycles	501 — 1000
Monday 15th August	Commercial Vehicles	5001 — 7000
	Motor Cars	9001 — 9999
Tuesday 16th August	Commercial Vehicles	HK5001 — HK5100
	Motor Cars HK	1 — HK1200

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

August 9, 1949.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

REDUCTION OF CHARGES FOR CURRENT

Charges for current will be reduced for all meters read on and after October 1, 1949:—

LIGHTING	From	To
	cents	cents
With discounts as follows:—		
Monthly account		
1 to 159 units	35 cents	33 cents
160 " 625 "	33.25 "	31.35 "
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1,566 " 3,125 "	29.75 "	28.05 "
3,126 " 6,250 "	28 "	26.4 "
6,251 " 9,375 "	26.25 "	24.75 "
9,376 " 12,500 "	24.5 "	23.1 "
12,501 " 15,625 "	22.75 "	21.45 "
15,626 " 18,750 "	21 "	19.8 "
Over 18,750	19.25 "	18.15 "

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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Hong Kong, August 8, 1949.

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COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMES INTO BEING

POSERS FOR STATESMEN

Strasbourg, August 8. "World Citizens" Evan Cameron, 10-year-old London student, arrived here today with a list of "awkward" questions for the statesmen of 10 nations gathered for the first Council of Europe meeting here tomorrow.

Cameron, who is a member of "Direct Action for World Federal Government," delivered copies of a letter from his organization requesting that they be handed to all Council delegations.

The letter asked: "In what way does the Council of Europe differ from the previous blocs and alliances which have been formed before every war in history?"

It also urged delegates to place before the Council a plan for a "People's World Assembly" to draft a constitution for a World Federal Government.—Reuter.

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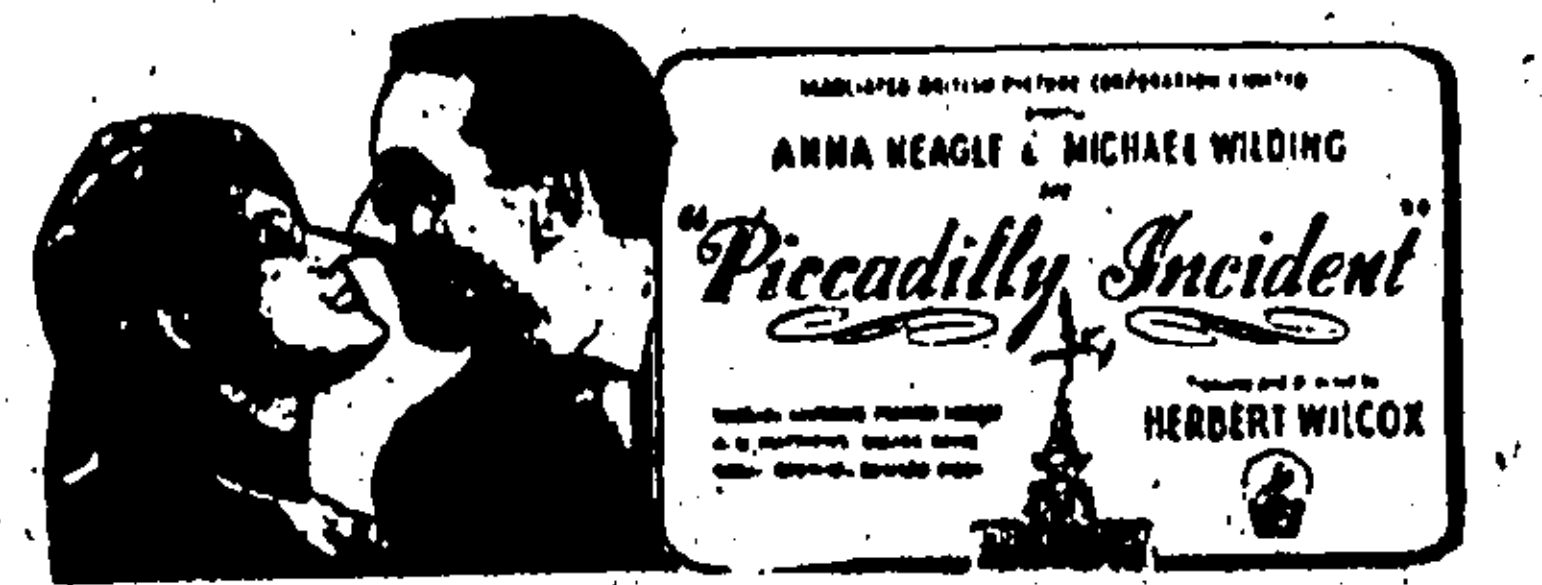
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ALSO: VIRGIN ISLAND

TOMORROW
"NO ORCHIDS FOR MISS BLANDISH"

Strasbourg, August 8.

The Council of Europe, the first experiment in creating an international Parliament, came into being here this afternoon when the Foreign Ministers of the 10 founder nations began their first "Cabinet" meeting.

They met in the beflagged City Hall of this medieval, battle-scarred city, as the Council's Committee of Ministers, which will guide the next month's discussions of the Consultative Council, main debating body of the Council.

One of the first acts was to issue an invitation to Turkey, Greece and Ireland to join the Council, which would then become a 12-nation body with over 100 delegates representing all non-Communist parties attending the Consultative Assembly.

As the statesmen climbed out of their cars to enter the magnificent 18th century City Hall in a broiling heat-wave, Strasbourg manifested many signs of its realization that the new experiment might make it a city of destiny.

The word "Europe" and "Unity" blazoned from huge posters and from every shop window in this shell-pocked Rhine-land city of many wars. The flags of the 12 nations were strung across streets and from every prominent building.

Eight Points
Inside the City Hall, originally seized from its aristocratic owner during the French Revolution, the Ministers sat round an eight-shaped arrangement of tables with interpreters in the hollow centre.

FORESTS STILL BLAZING

Helena, Montana, August 8.

The North West's worst fire in 40 years is still out of control after devastating 6,000 acres and killing 13 firefighters in 96 hours.

The ranger headquarters said the blaze might be brought under control this afternoon but A. D. Mohr, supervisor of Helena National Forest, warned that a strong breeze could wipe out all the last three days' work.

Mr. Mohr added: "A three and a half mile front is still out of control. If a strong breeze should come up the work of the past 96 hours would be wiped out in a few minutes." The blaze has already wiped out an estimated 6,000 acres of rich timberland and destroyed two private ranches.

Meanwhile, firefighters, men, prisoners and volunteers are fighting seven other major blazes in four states.

Ranger officials said: "The situation is so explosive that we hardly get one stopped when another breaks out."

In Idaho, 350 men fought two major blazes both of which are still out of control.

In California, two blazes covering 11,000 acres of forest are burning out of control with 400 men on the scene.

In Oregon, the town of Durkee was saved from a 6,000 acre grass and timber fire stopped by a force of 250 men.—United Press.

LEVEL CROSSING BUS TRAGEDY

Opladen, August 8.

Sixteen German children were killed and 21 seriously injured near here today when a speeding express train crashed into a bus in which the children were returning from a summer camp.

The accident occurred at a level crossing in Schlesbusch, eight miles North of Cologne and one mile from the bus station where the parents of the children were waiting for them.

The bus, towing two trailers carrying a total of 80 children returning from a Catholic camp in the mountains, started across the tracks as the gates were about half-way down and just as the express reached the crossing.—United Press.

Gunman Shot Dead With Own Pistol

Sydney, August 8.

A gunman was shot dead with his own pistol in Sydney City Park tonight, the police stated.

Two men approached William McAndrew, who was sitting in the Park with his girl friend. One drew a gun and said: "Me and my mate are going to take your money and your doll."

McAndrew, snatched the man's gun, shot him dead, and fled at the other man who escaped.

The police said that the dead man was a well-known criminal.—Reuter.

BRITISH FILMS FOR U.S.

London, August 8.

Mr. Earl St. John, right-hand man of the British movie "Czar," Mr. J. Arthur Rank, leaves London tomorrow with £1,500,000 worth of new British films to sell for dollars.

Mr. St. John, a middle-aged executive producer of two Cities Films and one of the top men in the Rank production team, comes from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, but has lived in England for the last 30 years.

Encouraged by recent box office successes in America with "Hamlet," "The Red Shoes" and "Quartet," British producers are following up with half a dozen more recent productions which they hope will further establish British films with American audiences.

Among the new films will be "Madness of the Heart," starring Margaret Lockwood, "Adam and Evelyn," with Jean Simmons and Stewart Granger, "Obsession," an acid bath murder film, and "Treaty True," a technical musical with an Edwardian setting starring Jean Kent.

Mr. St. John, who is travelling to New York in the liner Mauretania, expects to remain in the United States for about four weeks.—Reuter.

Sheath Silhouette Paris Fashion Hit

Paris, August 8.

Jacques Fath flaunts a sheath silhouette as a base for what experts have voted the most scintillating collection of the season to date. He calls his silhouette "Ligne Jaillissante" (flowing stream.)

It consists of restrained fullness, always controlled by buttons, and released, in the majority of cases, in flowing unpressed side folds over hips, front and back.

Buttons are so plentiful that one commentator suggested that, if placed side by side, they would reach from Paris to London.

Free swirls or side rolls of fullness, flung against either front or rear over the thigh, achieve the flowing effect in some models. A balancing softness over stiffness—net, over satin, mousseline over tulle—rides to and fro like waves over hobbled skirts.

The strapless bodice reigns supreme, and dresses for formal occasions have the hem as 15½ inches from the ground.

Skirts were so difficult to manoeuvre that it took more than three hours for mannequins to move up and down the ramp in 160 models.

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Brussels, August 8.

The Belgian Liberal Party tonight announced that it is willing to form a two-Party Coalition Government with the Social Christian (Catholic) Party.

The announcement was made by M. Roger Motz, Chairman of the Liberal Party, after a meeting with his Party. But another Liberal leader said that the meeting had agreed that a final effort must be made to try to form a three-Party Government to include the Socialists.

The three Parties, however, agreed in principle to a referendum.

The Socialists said that the King should obtain a two-thirds majority or abdicate. The Liberals said that if the King obtained less than 50 per cent he should abdicate. If he got 70 per cent or more his opponents should agree to his return, but if he obtained a percentage between these figures it should be left to Parliament to decide.

The King rejected the plan to lay down a percentage and said a referendum should not be decisive. It should be used merely as a guide to Parliament and himself.—Reuter.

It would also have to solve the Royal question—whether or not King Leopold is to resume his Royal functions.

This followed a declaration by a joint three-Party Coalition and last Saturday they broke off negotiations.

This followed a declaration by the exiled King Leopold declaring that the final decision on his return to the Throne should rest with Parliament.

Belgium's three Parties are at odds over the dynastic problem which has split the country into two hostile camps since the liberation.

The Catholics want the King to return. The Socialists want him to abdicate. Most of the Liberals are also in favour of abdication, though the Party does contain a small Leopoldist group.

Lausanne, August 8.

Mrs. Sumner Welles, wife of the American Ex-Secretary of State, died in a hotel here early this morning.—Reuter.

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Lake Success, August 8.

MINERS WANT TO GO BACK

Sydney, August 8.

Mr. R. A. King, Secretary of the New South Wales Trades and Labour Council, declared in a broadcast tonight that the overwhelming majority of miners demand a return to work.

"Miners, end this farce," he added. "Take the initiative, cease being Moscow footmen." A former Australian Prime Minister, Mr. William Morris Hughes, addressing a Liberal Party meeting tonight, said: "The coal strike was designed by Communists as a full-dress rehearsal for the great day when the flag of Communism will wave over this country. What we want are more mental hospitals for those fools who fall for the Communists."

Mr. Cyril Chambers, Australian Army Minister, today told troops cutting coal in the open-east fields that full award rates would be paid them individually, and not into regimental funds.

"I hope before long," he said, "it will be proved to the Australian people and to the coal miners that Service forces can work underground mines as well as open-casts."

Mr. Chambers announced that troops working strikes bound open-cast mines in New South Wales had dug 37,502 tons of coal in their first six days.

In defiance of a ban on the shipment of Army-mined coal, imposed by the Australian Seamen's Union, Union members today managed the Australian Government steamer Dalby (2,350 tons) which left Sydney tonight for Newcastle, New South Wales. There it will load 1,000 tons of coal for Tasmania. The crew held a ship-board meeting before sailing.

LONDON EXCHANGE SLUMP

London, August 9. Heaving selling drove British Government securities down as much as 25/- per £100 yesterday.

Closing prices were well below even those of July 28 issues which hit the lowest level since the panic days of the withdrawal from Dunkirk.

Brokers gave various reasons for the new collapse. Some blamed the appearance on the market of another issue of Government bonds issued to finish paying for the nationalised gas industry.

Others said that recent heavy withdrawals from postal savings accounts had caused uneasiness.

The new slide came on the heels of warnings in the Sunday press that U.S. confidence in Britain's ability to recover quickly from its economic crisis had reached a low ebb. This was not publicly cited, however as a factor in Monday's selling.

Heaviest losses were in Government issues which must either be held by the owners until a fixed redemption or sold on the market for what they will bring.

In this class savings bonds redeemable in 1950-1970 fell 25/- to £94 5s.

Losses of £1 or more were registered throughout virtually the entire list of Government securities. Elsewhere in the market plus

The fear of war has decreased mainly as a result of the breaking of the Berlin deadlock, Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, said in his annual report published today. He described the year ended June 30, 1949, as on the whole a year of progress towards a more peaceful world.

"It is true that the world has had its full share of crises and alarms," Mr. Lie said. "The rival claims in an ideological conflict have been pressed as though they were the only issue of our times."

The Great Powers have continued their efforts to strengthen their relative positions before the situation is brought nearer to stability by the conclusion of peace treaties.

"Although overshadowed by the Great Power differences, movements of national independence and social upheavals in many parts of the world have unavoidably contributed to international tension."

"These conditions, which have existed since the war ended, continue to cause widespread anxiety among the peoples of the world. Because of the Great Power differences, no progress has been made during the year towards providing the Security Council with armed forces to enable it to take enforcement action, and there has been little agreement on the control of atomic energy, of other weapons of mass destruction, and of conventional armaments."

When the three Great Powers brought the Berlin question to the Security Council last September in a complaint against a fourth, many people feared that this crisis would break up the United Nations and even lead to a new world war.

Instead, said, moderating and conciliating forces were set in motion immediately, and in the end the result was the resumption of Great Power negotiations on the peace treaties.

Powers Accused. Mr. Lie accused the Great Powers of continuing their efforts to strengthen their relative positions before the situation is brought nearer stability by the conclusion of peace treaties.

Mr. Lie said that the moral force of the United Nations and its power of persuasion towards reasonable compromise and peaceful settlement had achieved peace in Palestine, Kashmir and Indonesia.

"The establishment of the State of Israel in Palestine without a major war is one of the epic events of history. When India and Pakistan agreed to a United Nations cease fire in the State of Kashmir, the 400,000,000 people of these two great countries were spared the worst of all disasters—religious and communal warfare."

"In Indonesia, the United Nations has played a decisive part in the efforts to secure a peaceful settlement and a peaceful transition to national independence of 70,000,000 people."

The Secretary-General said that the days of dependency or inferior status are fast coming to an end in Asia.

New Worlds in Asia. India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon, all formerly dependent parts of the British Empire, had

and minus signs were pretty evenly distributed, especially among industrial shares.—Associated Press.

achieved independence by a peaceful transition since the United Nations was founded.

Asian people are the inheritors of some of the world's greatest cultures, Mr. Lie said. They are building their own new worlds on the foundations of the old.

"Their influence in the affairs of the United Nations is growing. Given time, and the necessary development of their economic resources, their influence will be more nearly commensurate with their population than it is today."

Mr. Lie said "Israel has now become the 50th member of the Organisation. The applications of four more countries of Asia—the Mongolian People's Republic, Ceylon, Nepal and Korea—are pending. Indonesia may be expected to apply after the existing difficulties there are settled."

In Africa, the movement forward was slower, Mr. Lie added. There, the international trusteeship system could play an especially important role.

United Nations supervision of trust territories would be felt throughout the much wider area of non-self-governing territories.

UN Contribution. Mr. Lie said that the United Nations had contributed to the progress towards a more peaceful world by preventing or ending wars involving 500,000,000 people.

"The record of the past 12 months has clearly confirmed the wisdom of the San Francisco compact," Mr. Lie continued. "The United Nations has not been able to resolve Great Power differences, but the conflict has been kept within peaceful bounds and the way prepared for further progress towards a settlement."

Turning from settling wars and disputes to the other phases of the United Nations' work, the Secretary-General said it has developed international co-operation in almost every field of human activity on a scale never before attempted.

"It has proclaimed the first universal Declaration of Human Rights in history," he continued. "The convention of the prevention of genocide has been unanimously approved and member States have been asked to sign and ratify it."

"In spite of all the political and ideological differences, the United Nations is developing an economic and social programme aimed at raising the standards of living of the community of nations for the welfare of each of its members."

Heartening Event. "Through United Nations procedures of regional economic co-operation, effective assistance is being given to the countries of Europe, Latin America, Asia and the Far East towards the recon-

Norwegian Protest To Nationalists

Oslo, August 8. The Norwegian Government has protested to the Chinese Government against the arrest of two Norwegian pilots in Chinese waters, the Foreign Ministry announced here today.

The pilots were later released.

The Foreign Ministry said that they had refused to accept the Chinese Government's blockade of certain parts of China's East coast and the closing of some ports. They felt that the provisions made by the Chinese Government could not be binding on Norwegian citizens or on vessels in waters or ports which were beyond the control of the Chinese Government.—Reuter.

struction and development of their economies.

"Through the planning and execution of comprehensive programmes, both in the economic and social fields, the providing of fellowships, the sending of missions and advisers, the organisation of regional seminars, the United Nations has begun to make an effective contribution to placing the knowledge of the more advanced nations at the disposal of the less advanced."

Mr. Lie described as one of the most heartening events of the year the impetus resulting from the United States initiative in sponsoring an expanded programme of technical assistance for the economic development of the under-developed areas of the world.

Appealing for increased support from member Governments, Mr. Lie said the degree of security attained in the world would be in proportion to the nations' support for the Organisation.

Mr. Lie commended the member nations and the peoples of the world to study the detailed report of the year's activities, which he described as a record of achievement in the prevention of war and in the steady construction of the foundations of a more peaceful and prosperous world.

Russian Officer A Refugee. Ankara, August 8. A Soviet Army major who said he was fleeing from Communist terror arrived here today in the company of Turkish intelligence agents after crossing a frontier outpost between Turkey and Russia.

Intelligence sources said Major Nicolai Bondorlov fled to Turkey after committing what was regarded as a "crime" in Russia. They did not describe the nature of the crime.

Major Bondorlov appeared at a Turkish frontier outpost on Saturday and asked for entry into Turkey as a refugee. He was immediately placed in protective custody and taken here for thorough investigation.

He told a reporter: "I fled from the Communist terror to everyone who is against the Stalin regime."—United Press.

HEAT WAVE IN BERLIN. Berlin, August 8. Berlin had its highest temperature of this year today—93 degrees Fahrenheit. This is also the highest temperature for six years. The heat wave followed a cool period of some weeks.—Reuter.

MONTY'S CLASH WITH FRENCH: MAY RESIGN

London, August 8.

General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, French Commander-in-Chief of the Western Union land forces, said in a statement here tonight that statements that Field-Marshal Montgomery's idea was to withdraw the defence (of Western Union) outside the Continent are completely without foundation.

The interview was released by the Permanent Commission of the Western Union Powers following press reports that Field-Marshal Montgomery, Chairman of the Western Union Commanders-in-Chief Committee, had clashed with General de Lattre de Tassigny over strategy in the event of a European conflict.

"The Permanent Commission said that General de Lattre de Tassigny, questioned about press reports concerning differences of opinion said to have come to light at Fontainebleau (Western Union Military Headquarters) had made the following statement:

"I can give no details about the work we do. But I wish to take this opportunity of telling you that statements implying that Field-Marshal Montgomery's idea is to withdraw the defence outside the Continent are completely without foundation."

"Of course, some varying conceptions have been brought to light, a thing which was quite natural, but it can definitely be stated that all the members of our Committee and its Chairman have always unanimously regarded their task as being the achievement of an effective defence of all the territories of the Brussels Pact nations."

To Resign? The widely read London "Sunday Express" said in a front-page article by its military correspondent yesterday that Field-Marshal Montgomery had had his "most serious" clash with General de Lattre de Tassigny and that shrewd observers thought that he could not carry on much longer as top military commander of the Western Union Powers.

The correspondent quoted reports that Field-Marshal Montgomery "thinking perhaps of the possibility of another Dunkirk," was reluctant to pledge Britain to put a big land force across the Channel should war break out.

Field-Marshal Montgomery was also said to have insisted on a training programme for Western Union forces along British lines.

Personal Clash. Reuters diplomatic correspondent said here today that reports of a difference between General de Lattre de Tassigny and Field-Marshal Montgomery gained prominence when the United States Chiefs of Staff visited Paris for Western Union defence discussions.

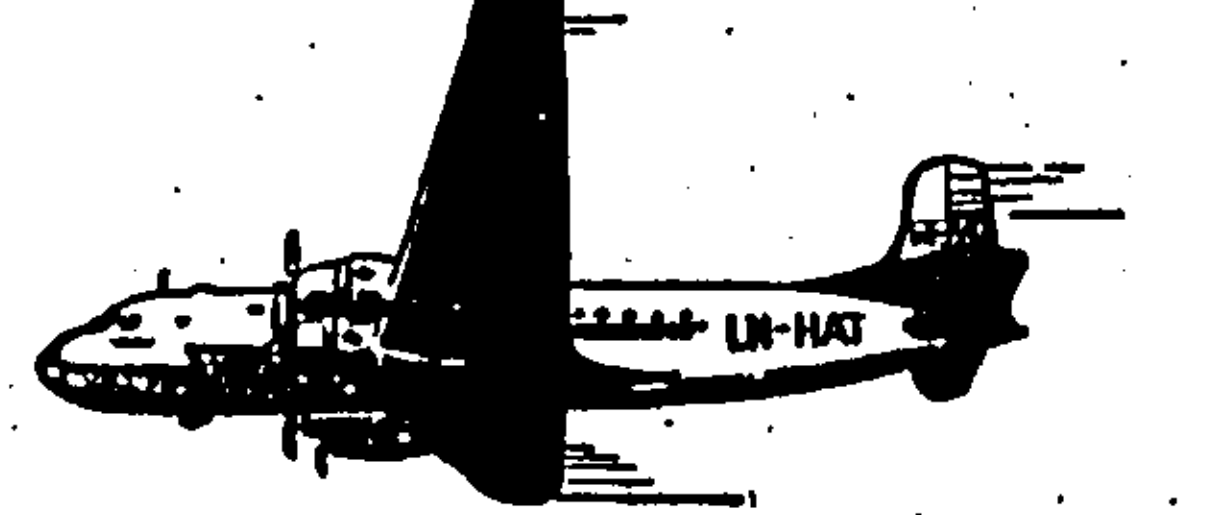
The reports were coupled with rumours in Paris that differences on strategy had been accentuated by a personal clash between the two men which, it was noted, today's Western Union statement did not deny.

The statement's emphasis that the Western Union Commanders "unanimously regarded their task as being the achievement of an effective defence of all the territories of the Brussels Pact nations" implied that Field-Marshal Montgomery himself subscribed to the plan of a defence line at least as far as the Rhine, London observers thought.—Reuter.



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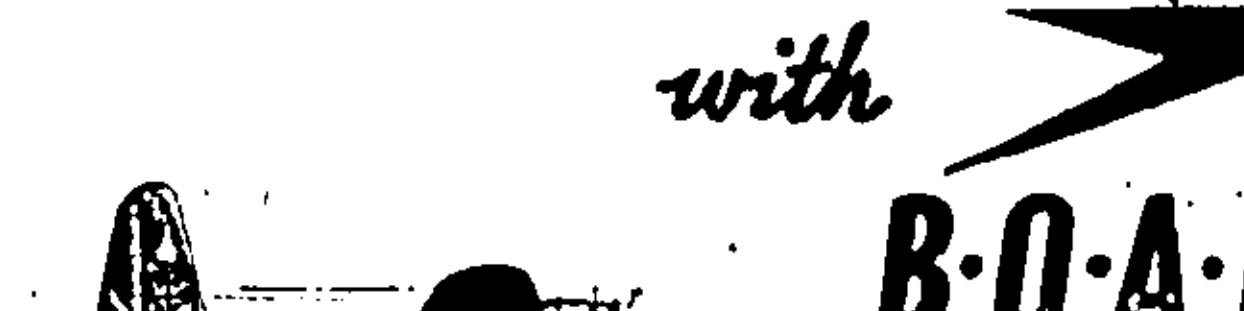
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EUROPE'S DEFENCES 'ONLY A SOFT SHELL'

STAFF TALKS A SUCCESS

Vienna, August 8.
The American Chiefs of Staff said today that their talks with military leaders during their 10-day tour of Atlantic Pact nations had convinced them that organizational differences are so small that it may not take long to make the pact a going concern.

General Omar Bradley of the Army, acting as spokesman for the Joint Chiefs, was asked at a press conference here why he considered the talks successful.

"Principally," he answered, "because they showed all people think along the same general lines. Perhaps not on details, but thinking along the same general lines on military organization."

"There don't seem to be enough differences in general on setting up a general military organization because of people thinking the same way."

"There should not be too much trouble, I hope it will not take too long."

General Bradley, Admiral Louis Denfeld, and General Hoyt Vandenberg of the Air Force met briefly this morning with the U.S. commander in Austria, General Geoffrey Keyes, and his staff to review the United States Army's position in Austria as an occupying power.

Later today, the three chiefs leave for Washington to report on their 10-day series of conferences with military leaders of the Atlantic Pact nations.—United Press.

WASHINGTON CRITICISED

Bombay, August 8.
Dr. G. W. Strother, an American missionary from China, said here today: "The United States Government has failed to understand and evaluate the Chinese situation."
Dr. Strother, who was 24 years in China, said the American efforts in 1946 to reconcile the Communists and the Nationalists were the beginning of the end of China.
Dr. Strother said that he had left China for good since it was impossible to continue his missionary work under Communist rule.—Reuter.

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Washington, August 8.
The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today that the United States is open to attack as never before because Western Europe's defences are a soft shell inviting Soviet aggression.

Therefore, Mr. Acheson told the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees, Congress should approve the US\$1,450,000,000 arms programme to build up Western Europe's defences.

Mr. Acheson said the Russian leaders had set their course against arrangements charted by the United Nations for the preservation of world peace and only immediate American military assistance to free nations could offset this threat.

"Prompt action is imperative," declared the Secretary. "The first line of defence is still in Europe, but our European allies today do not have the military capacity to hold that line. The shield behind which we must channel our forces to strike decisive blows for the common cause no longer exists. In that sense, the United States is open to attack on its own territory to a greater extent than ever before."

The present military weaknesses in Europe invite danger of war and Congressional delays in ordering the arms programme would increase that danger, he said.

Citing the ever present possibility of aggression in Europe, Mr. Acheson said Soviet opposition had blocked preservation of world peace through the United Nations collective action.

"It was this historic fact of interdependence which led to the creation of the United Nations and it is against this broad current of history that the leaders of the Soviet Union have unhappily set their course."

Criminal Neglect
"We shall stand in criminal neglect and the ideals of the United Nations will be seriously jeopardised if we do not do all that we can by both moral and material means to bring home to these men the wisdom of leading their peoples toward world co-operation and world peace."

Mr. Acheson opened the Administration's big Senate drive for passage of the arms programme. He warned Congressmen that to restrict President Truman's powers too much would be dangerous and he wanted no cut in the cost of the arms programme.

He broke down the programme, proposing \$1,100,000,000 for North Atlantic treaty nations, including \$155,000,000 to help them increase their military output, \$211,370,000 for Greece and Turkey, \$27,040,000 to help strengthen the defence of certain other free nations exposed to danger including Korea, Iran and the Philippines.

Democratic Senator Walter George told the Secretary the Administration could only guess at the amount of American surplus guns, tanks and planes that would be sent to Europe.

Mr. Acheson admitted that the actual value of surplus arms to be sent was "X quantity."

Not Enough
Senator Vandenberg said the United States is rushing the arms programme before the Atlantic Pact nations' Council and defence committee could be established for the joint preparation of defence plans.

Mr. Acheson replied that steps are being taken to hasten drafting of common defence plans.

Senator Vandenberg was not satisfied and suggested that the present programme be restricted to a point sufficient to demonstrate the attitude of the United States, with additional arms to be provided four or five months hence when Congress meets again.

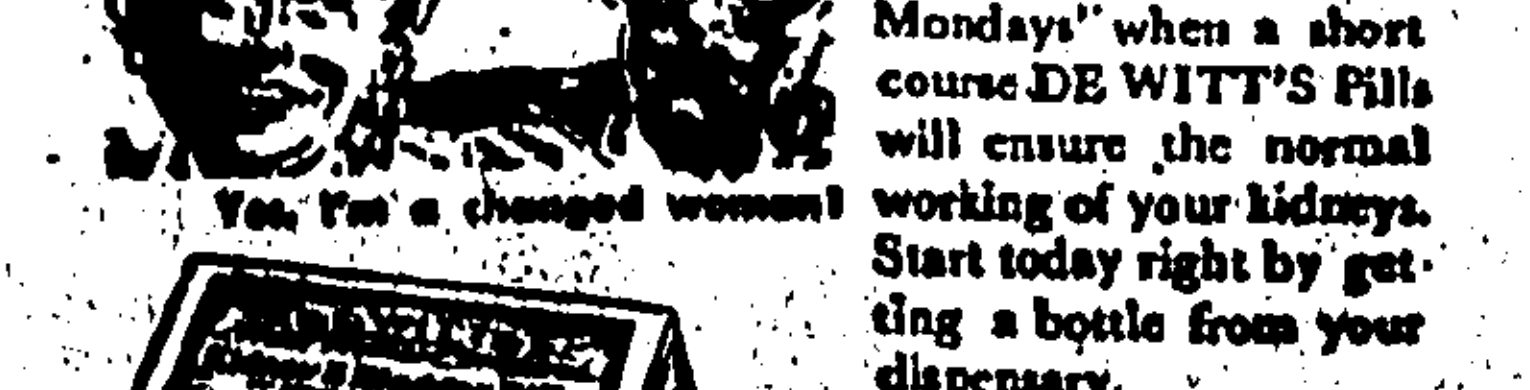
"I would resist that," replied Mr. Acheson. "We must go forward on both these fronts (joint planning and U.S. aid) at the same time. Merely taking an attitude is not enough."

He added: "I do not know of any other programme than this one which would be effective and useful at this time. A smaller programme defeats itself."

Attack On Communism
Senator Vandenberg suggested a middle ground on which agreement could be reached to provide an interim programme pending establishment of a council under the pact.

"With the state of the world as it exists today, I would not want to take the responsibility for delaying any of this material," said the Secretary. "In a strongly-worded attack on the world drive of Communism."

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Senate Passes Aid Bill

Washington, August 8.
The Senate passed the US\$8,647,724,000 foreign aid appropriation bill late today after killing the last of a series of restrictive amendments.

The bill now goes to the House-Senate conference committee for adjustment of differences between the House and Senate versions.—United Press.

CHINA, RUSSIA BROTHERS

San Francisco, August 8.
Hu Yu-chih, described as an expert on international affairs, said in a Communist Peiping Radio broadcast tonight that when a "democratic Government" is established in China, the "two great nations, China and the Soviet Union, will surely co-operate like two brothers."

He also said: "Imperialists hope that the Chinese peoples will stand apart from the Soviet Union but we must lean to one side just as Chairman Mao Tse-tung said and stand on the side of peace and the democratic camp of the world headed by the Soviet Union."

"The 675,000,000 Chinese and Soviet peoples plus the millions in the oppressed countries of the Pacific are more than a match for the imperialists. If the imperialists dare launch an adventurous aggression they will reap what they sow like the Japanese aggressors did."

The Communist New China News Agency reported tonight in a Peiping broadcast that headway is being made by Shanghai workers of publicly-owned and private enterprises in the building up of a "new people's Shanghai economically independent of the imperialists."

Public enterprises, the Agency said, had devised substitutes for machine parts and other goods which formerly had to be imported. For instance, charcoal gas is being used to replace petrol.

At a "new Shanghai" conference, the Agency reported, the 600 delegates who attended dealt with such suggestions as the restoration of industries, the promotion of Sino-Soviet trade and the evacuation of the Shanghai population to the countryside for productive work.—Reuter.

RAF BASE SWINDLE FAILS

London, August 8.
Scotland Yard disclosed today that a band of confidence men almost succeeded in selling a large Royal Air Force base, complete with buildings, runways and equipment, to a South African for £250,000.

"It was something like trying to sell the Brooklyn Bridge," a Yard officer told American newsmen. "It was the biggest attempted confidence trick in British history."

The South African, who was not identified, paid a "deposit" for the field—a wartime U.S. bomber base. He did not wish to prosecute when he realised he was being swindled, the Yard said.—United Press.

"ARMS AID TO CHINA IS NOT JUSTIFIED"

Washington, August 8.
The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, told the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees today that a small amount of American arms aid for the Far East would have considerable possibilities of usefulness. However, he urged that it not be earmarked for China.

Pending results of the current top level review of the American policy toward the Nationalist Government of China, the Administration found it impossible to "programme or justify arms aid for that country, Mr. Acheson said.

But in response to questions from Republican Senator Alexander Smith, Mr. Acheson said: "If the Congress wanted to give the Executive some funds, (for the Far East) that would be helpful—a comparatively small amount would have very considerable possibilities of usefulness."

But he warned that President Truman should be given complete direction over the use of funds and none should be earmarked at this time specifically for anti-Communist China.

Senator Smith suggested that the policy review under the Ambassador-at-large, Philip Jessup, might determine that arms aid to China was essential at a time when the Congress is not in session.

He suggested that it might be advisable for the Congress to authorize that aid in the present \$1,450,000,000 military aid programme.

Not Justified

Mr. Acheson replied that Mr. Jessup's committee, in consultation with Congressional groups, was going into the question of the new Far Eastern policy thoroughly but said: "At the present time we are not in a position to ask the Congress for funds which we could neither programme or justify for China or the Far East."

Meanwhile, Democratic Representative Francis Walter and Republican John Davis Lodge introduced bills in the House to authorize \$200,000,000 in military aid to China.

Mr. Lodge said the legislation was proposed "in order to call attention to the problem, in order to diminish the help and comfort to the Chinese Communists which the White Paper brought and in order to encourage our Chinese Allies and friends in the terrible battle which they are waging."

Senator William charged that America has been more generous since the end of the war to its former enemies, Italy and Japan, than to China.

"We should not over-emphasize our generosity to China," Senator Knowland said in a speech prepared for Senate delivery. China received in grants and credits from the United States approximately \$1,694,000,000 since the war, according to Mr. Knowland's figures.

Revealing Figures

They came from official Government sources, he said. (In the White Paper on China, the Secretary of State, Mr. Acheson, said since VJ-Day the United States

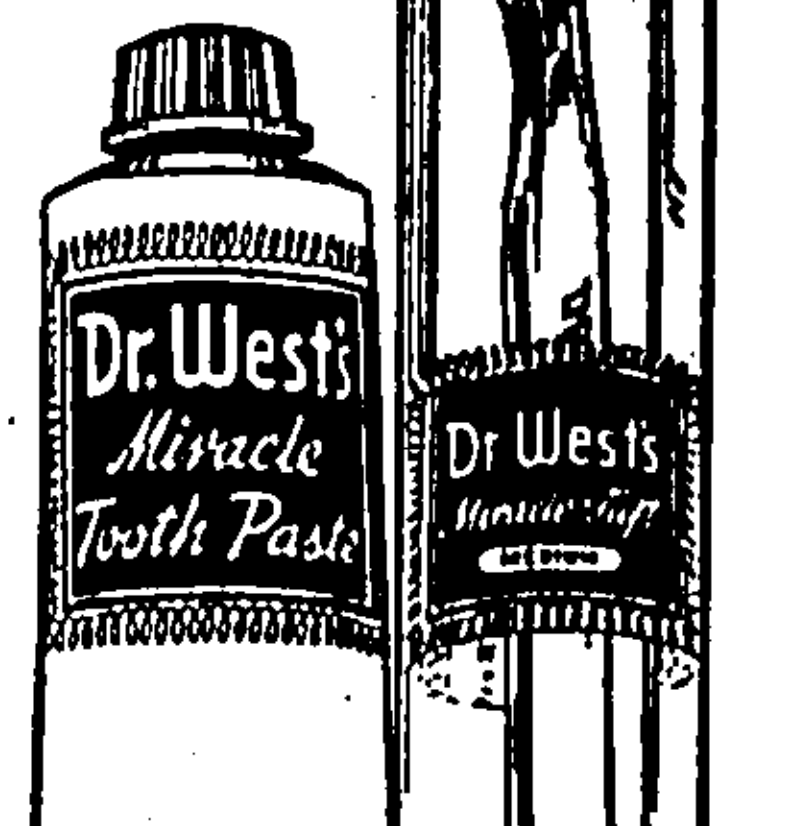
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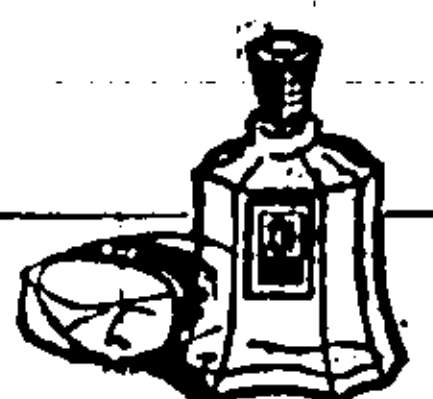
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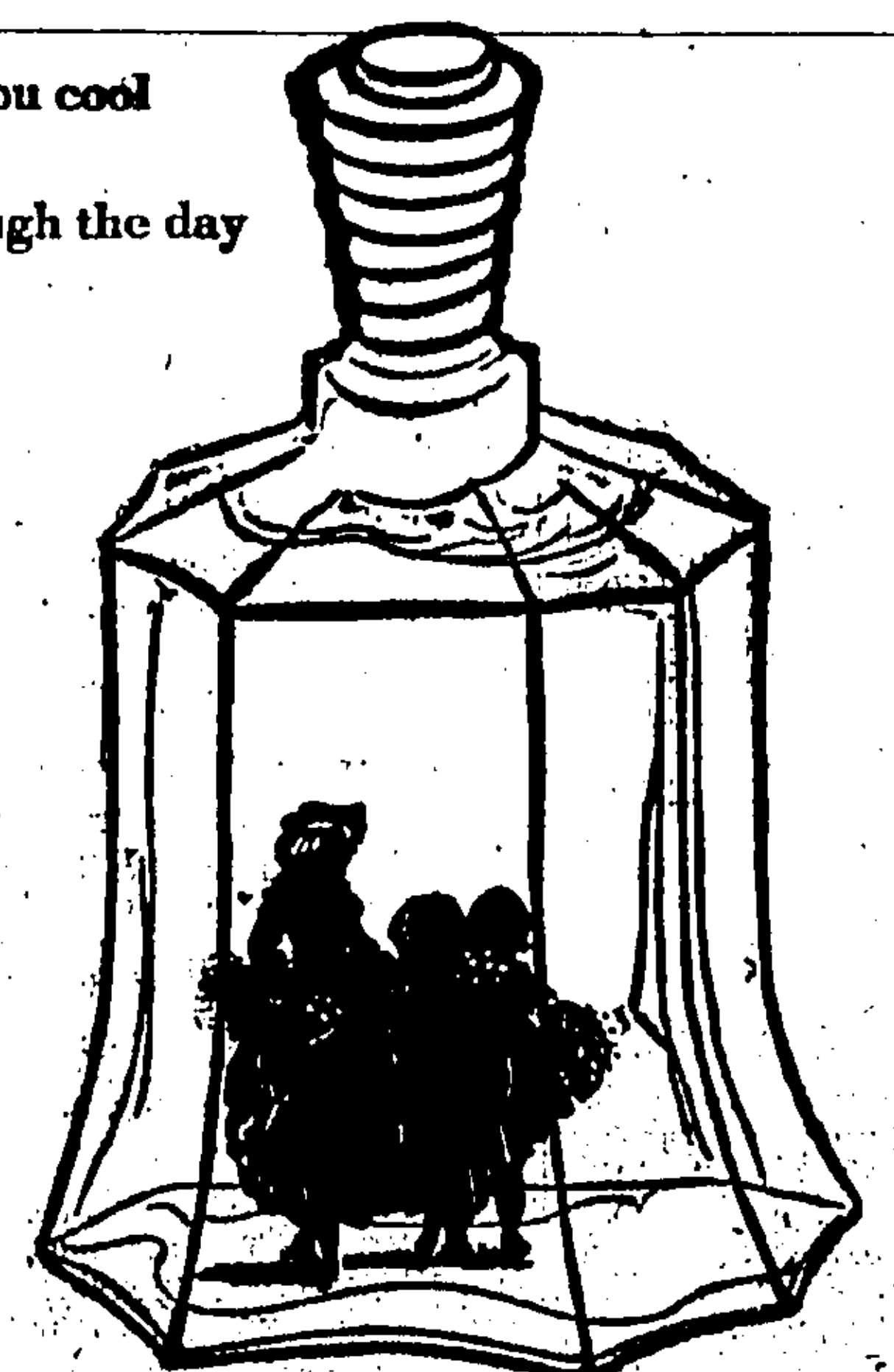
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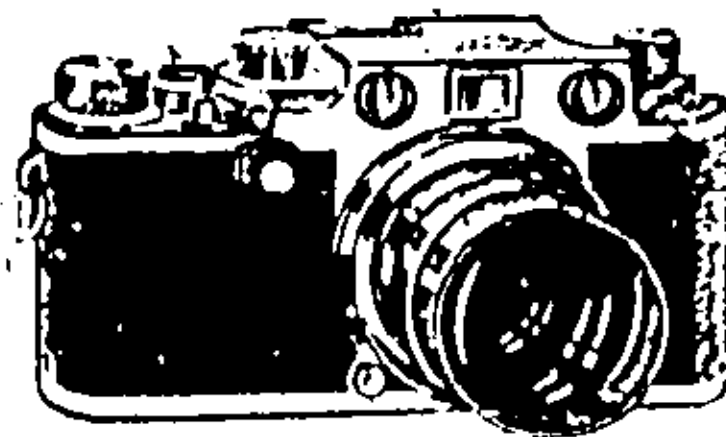
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TEEN AGE TOPICS

Personality

MEET LORA WOOD

A pretty American teen age visitor to the Colony last week was Lora Wood, who arrived in Hong Kong with the American swim and water-ballet team for a series of exhibitions.

Lora, 18-years-old, was born in Sacramento, California, on October 27, 1930. And 12 years after that, she was famous. Lora, whose favourite pastime, needless to say, is swimming, learned how to stroke in water in her own little bathtub.

She got to love water so much (not necessarily evening baths in particular) that swimming came quite naturally to her, which was to make her famous in aquatic sports all over the West country of the United States.

Swim Triumph

Lora has won countless American Junior, High School swimming titles. Her latest triumph was when she—in partner with Joann Pawson (also in the swim show, and a teen ager), won the

to enter into the nursing profession. Lora is at the moment working as a young secretary in a big shoe store in Oakland, California, where she lives. And she will be returning to her job as soon as her Far Eastern Swim tour is over, which Lora says, will be in a week's time.

The girl told the Topics, that this tour has been a wonderful experience for her. "I have never been out of the country until now. I enjoy taking part in the shows which have given me opportunities to see so many different places and meet so many different people," she said.

Lora attended school in Oakland at Albany High where she became a leader of her school mates in a position equivalent to our head prefect. In school, Lora was also keen in newspaper work and "slaved away" as she put it, to reach the important post of editor in her school's weekly paper. "I like to work in the newspapers," but I prefer nursing a little better," she declared.

Lora's 16-year-old sister Jocelyn, is also in the tour and like her sister, is also an excellent swimmer. "In all other ways we are different," put in sister Jo, who loves American football and broad, full-backs.

The sisters leave for home today. In the way, they will pass through Japan, where they will be engaged in two exhibitions. So, good-bye Lora and Jocelyn and may you each realise your respective ambitions.



LORA WOOD

Western United States synchronized swimming championship.

But the blond, blue-eyed, American teen ager, remains unspelled by her fame as a talented swimmer. Lora is quietly spoken and natural. Like other teen agers in Hong Kong, Lora has her own fascinations and burning ambitions, one of which

Manners On Vacation

PLATTER CHATTER

The latest waxings by our favourite artists include: Dinah Shore: So In Love: Always True To You In My Fashion. Younger Than Springtime: A Wonderful Guy. I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out Of My Hair. Kiss Me Sweet. There is an interesting duet by Dinah and Doris Day: You Can Have Him. The backer is a solo by Dinah which is becoming a favourite of American disc jockeys. It's Homecoming. Buddy Clark and Dinah have a duet on the hit parade. Baby, It's Cold Outside which has My One and Only Highland Fling on the back.

Decca has also put out Baby, It's Cold Outside by Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Jordan. The Andrews Sisters: The best of the singing sisters are in the news with Clancy: Lowered the Boom; I Had A Hat When I Came In. Take Me Out to the Ball Game; In The Good Old Summer-time. Don't Rob Another Man's Castle; I'm Biting My Fingernails. Their most likely hits are: Now! Now! Is The Time and the novelty I Didn't Know The Gun Was Loaded.

Bing and Evelyn Knight joined forces for How It Lies. How It Lies. Miss Knight's Powder Your Face With Sunshine is one of England's top tunes. Other Crosby hit parades are: Some Enchanted Evening; Ball Ha'. Careless Hands (coupled with Memories) is climbing fast. Patty Andrews and Bing have an interesting number in Be Bop Spoken Here. Harry James' fans are in for a surprise when they hear his What Did I Do in which Harry and the band really go to town in a big way. It's one of the hottest things Harry has done in a long while and the vocal by Marion Hughes is excellent. I like her jazz phrasing.

The same tune is taken in slow ballad tempo by Dick Haymes and the Andrews Sisters which, with the supporter I'd Love To Call You My Sweetheart (the old tune) is the best 1949 record by Haymes.

CORRESPONDENCE
Platters by the Golden Gate Quartette are rare and I have not been able to hear any except for the brief chorus this quartette took on A Song Is Born.

There are several Albums of Tales Of The South Pacific. The original stage cast starring Mary Martin and Ezio Pinza are on Columbia with seven records. The Capitol Album of four platters are by: Margaret Whiting, Peggy Lee, Gordon MacRae with the orchestras of Dave Barbour and Frank De Vol. Not-to-be-outdone, Decca's album is by Bing Crosby, Dinah Shore, Ella Fitzgerald and Evelyn Knight. You pay your money and you take your choice!

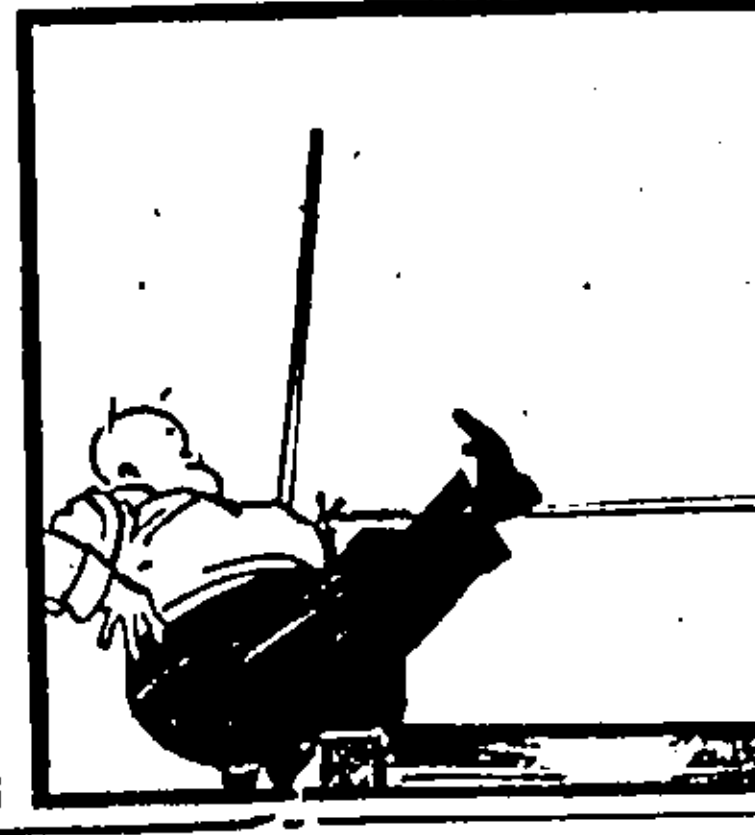
THE WRN.

"Teen Time" In Operation



A dramatic moment during last week's Teen Time programme in the Redifusion Studio. Photo shows teen ager Norma Stevens (seated), director of the weekly programme, in session with teen age artists Robert Chan, Albert Wong, Lawrence Wong and Gloria Fowler. Gloria seems doubtful if she's hearing anything.

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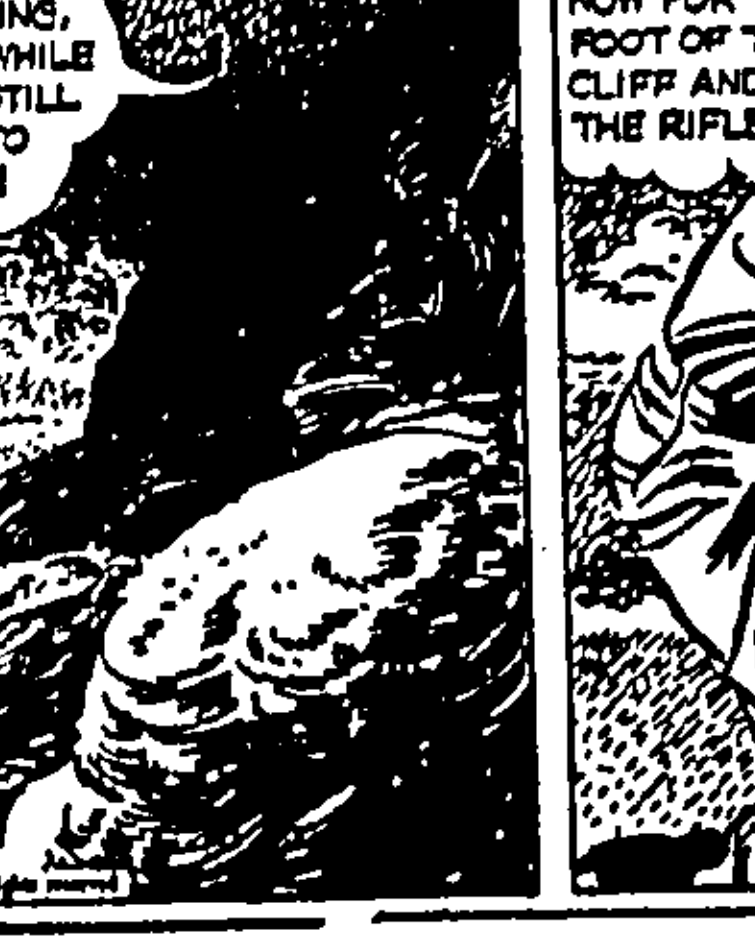


MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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The Hong Kong Visit

By BETTY BETZ

"We fix 'em up quickies!" said young Ling Ho, who is the only one of my young river wharf gang in Hong Kong who speaks any English.

The usual procedure for an American visiting China at this time of year is to catch a cold... which I did.

I had planned to give these poor Chinese kids a party on a river junk which we were going to decorate with balloons and crepe paper and really have a ball.

The spirit was willing, but the body had such a fever, I was put to bed and given large slugs of quinine and penicillin. Our party was temporarily called off, so the kids paid a visit to my hotel room one afternoon.

"Put 'em on head..." said Ling as he placed a large wad of dried seaweed on my noggin. Then one of the boys dangled a tiny dried-up sea horse in front of my eyes as he mumbled a few sing-song prayers in Chinese.

"EEEK!" I screamed as two of the fellows put on grotesque purple and green-paper masks, which were meant to scare the daylight out of the cold germs or else make me laugh.

A little girl crawled under my bed and brought out a little white mouse which hopped about

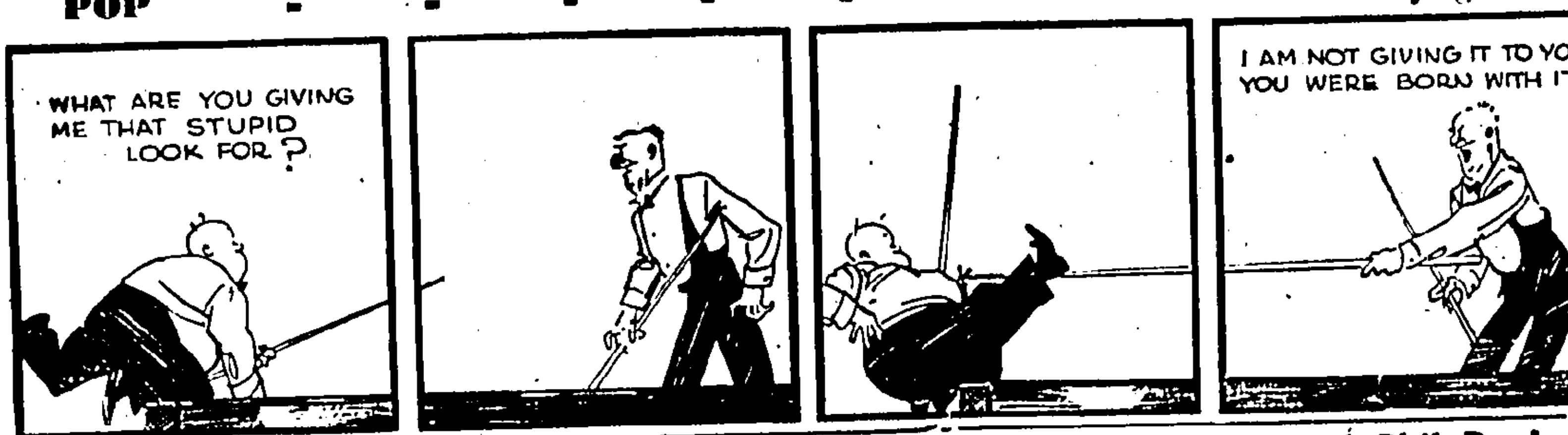
the room. I don't quite know what the mouse was for, but he was very cute.

Ling brought out a small round can of ointment and smeared some of the salve on my forehead. They turned on the electric fan above my head, which I guess was either supposed to blow away the germs or just satisfy their curiosity.

The Chinese have very strange ways of curing a cold, but believe it or not, their cure couldn't be too bad because I got well again and we had our party that afternoon!

I only wonder if it was the ointment, the quinine, the witch-craft, or the wishful thinking of those Chinese teen agers which made me well. I'm sure it was the latter, because they've probably never had a real party, with cakes and candy, before... and they were so disappointed when their hostess got sick... It just shows you what a little wishing will do!

Friendly game

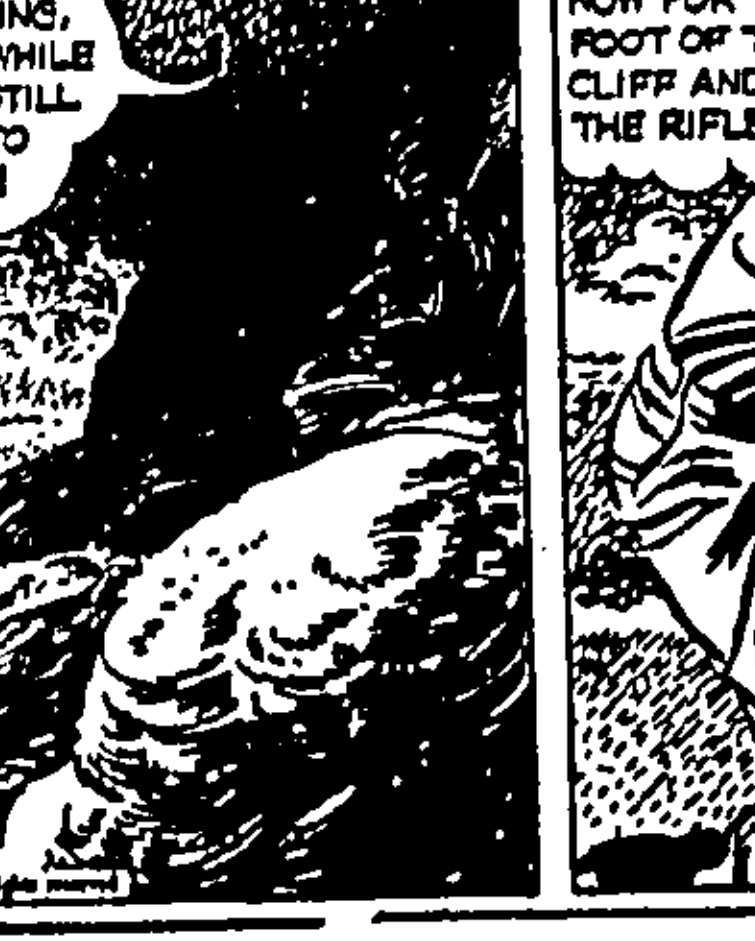


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INDONESIANS' DEMANDS AT HAGUE CONFERENCE

New Delhi, August 8.

Dr. Mohammad Hatta, Indonesian Prime Minister, said today that the only solution of the Indonesian problem is a complete and unconditional transfer of sovereignty to the people of Indonesia.

He said that the Indonesian delegation is going to The Hague for that purpose.

GERMAN DESERTS RUSSIANS

Berlin, August 8.

Hans Krause, German chief of the Planning Department of the Soviet zone Economic Commission, refused to return to his post today.

Krause returned from leave and went straight to the offices of the British-licensed North West German Radio in the British sector of Berlin and announced that he did not intend to return to the Economic Commission as he was dissatisfied with developments there.

Krause played a large part in organising the much-hoped-for two-year plan for the Eastern zone launched on January 1, this year.

Reports circulated in Berlin over the weekend-end that Bruno Leuschner, Deputy Chairman of the Economic Commission, is also leaving his post.

Leuschner told a reporter over the telephone that this is quite untrue and that he has no intention of resigning.

Leuschner, who exercises a general direction over State planning, is believed in well-informed circles to have disagreed with the Soviet Military Government over the investment plan for 1949.

The North West German Radio reported that the Soviet authorities refused Leuschner's draft plan with severe reductions and criticisms.

Another member of the Commission, Fritz Selzmann, chief of the Industry Division, has also publicly criticised the two-year plan, apparently with the approval of the Socialist Unity Party, which directs policy in the zone, —Reuter.

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1230 p.m.—"Hong Kong Calling" Daily Programme Summary.
1242 p.m.—"Sweet Serenade". Peter York and His Concert Orchestra with Paul Green and Steve Conway (H.K.T.S.).
115 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
125 p.m.—Interlude.
130 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.
140 p.m.—Close Down.

600 p.m.—"Hong Kong Calling" Programme Summary.
602 p.m.—"Band Call" BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Rae Jenkins with Janet Davis and George (H.K.T.S.).
630 p.m.—Philip Green and His Orchestra.
640 p.m.—Terry Lubbock Trio (Studio).
700 p.m.—"Record Round-About". Variety Record Programme Presented by Joan Halliday (Studio).
800 p.m.—"Have a Go". A Quiz Programme Introduced by Wilfred Pickles, from Galway, Eire (H.K.T.S.).
815 p.m.—"Generally Speaking". "Edinburgh at 10" Reminiscence by Wm. James Armstrong (London Relay).
900 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
910 p.m.—Weather Report.
911 p.m.—"Hill Up the Curtain". Excerpt from Verdi's "Il Trovatore". BBC Theatre Chorus and Orchestra Conducted by Clifton Hillwell (H.K.T.S.).
1000 p.m.—Paul Weston and His Orchestra.
1015 p.m.—Violin Recital by Jascha Heifetz.
1030 p.m.—Dance to Eric Winston and His Orchestra with Julie Dawn and Donnie Hale (H.K.T.S.).
1100 p.m.—London News Reel (London Relay).
1115 p.m.—Weather Report and Summary of News.
1120 p.m.—Close Down.

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12.00 p.m.—Novellette.
12.15 p.m.—Tune Time.
12.30 p.m.—Interval Signal.
12.32 p.m.—The Jumping Jacks.
1.00 p.m.—Singer.
1.15 p.m.—News.
1.30 p.m.—Orchestral Concert.
2.00 p.m.—Afternoon Musical—Featuring The World's Finest Music.
4.10 a.m.—Walls Time (Libby's).
4.30 a.m.—Vocally Yours.
4.45 a.m.—Musical Melody.
5.15 p.m.—Children's Corner.
5.30 p.m.—Harmony Hall.
5.45 p.m.—Radio Headlines.
6.00 p.m.—Kindom Of Swing.
6.15 p.m.—The Jumping Jacks.
6.45 p.m.—Do You Remember? (Pekin Syndicate).
7.00 p.m.—Evening Concert (London).
7.15 p.m.—The Super-Gala Programme.
8.00 p.m.—H.K.C. News.
8.15 p.m.—The Stars Sing (Nestlé's).
8.30 p.m.—The Dairy Farm Programme.
9.00 p.m.—The Blue Belles (Gardiner's Airways Dept.).
9.15 p.m.—Midnight Serenade.
9.30 p.m.—The Carrol Programme.
10.00 p.m.—D.H.C. World News.
10.15 p.m.—The Jumping Jacks.
10.30 p.m.—Light Music.
11.00 p.m.—Standard.
11.15 p.m.—Soft Lights And Sweet Music.
11.30 p.m.—Night Club.

Bunche Opposes Russian Plan

Lake Success, August 8.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, Acting Palestine Mediator, today opposed a Soviet proposal in the Security Council to recall United Nations observers in Palestine and dissolve the Supervisory Staff.

Mr. Semyon Tsarapkin, Soviet delegate, told the Council that there is no further need to keep the observers in Palestine, where the parties are now mature enough to reach agreement by their own means.

He also said that the Palestine Conciliation Commission, now at Lausanne, is no longer necessary but he did not suggest the dissolution of this body.

Dr. Bunche, whose report the Council had met to consider, replied that withdrawal of the observers would have a serious effect on the conciliatory agreement Israel has concluded with all her neighbouring Arab States. The Israel-Egyptian agreement, he said, covered a neutral zone which called for the presence of United Nations personnel until final disposition of the area.

The Israel-Jordan agreement provided for a demilitarized zone on Mt. Scopus and in Government House, Jerusalem, which remained with United Nations observers in control until further agreement.

Russian proposals were made as amendments to a joint Canadian-French resolution, submitted today, calling on the Council to liquidate the Palestine truce, abolish the post of Acting Palestine Mediator, and re-affirm the cease fire order in Palestine.

This proposal for the Palestine armistice agreement to be observed by the parties concerned under the supervision of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation.

The Council adjourned until Thursday to enable delegates to study all these proposals.

New Delhi, August 8. The Foreign Ministry today denied reports of the resignation of Mr. John Thyne, the government of India's representative in Malaya.—Associated Press.

SOS Calls By Yachts Off Britain

London, August 8.

Many small vessels went out today for aid last night as gales buffeted the coasts of the British Isles.

The storm developed over Cornwall late on Sunday and is strongest over the British sea coast.

Lifboats from seven coastal stations were launched during the night to go to the assistance of yachts reported aground or in difficulties.

Guests up to 60 miles an hour were recorded at Manchester.—Associated Press.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

Closing Times by Air
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Airmail for Shikou and Japan, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.
Airmail for USA and Canada, (Reg.) 1.30 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.
Airmail for Hongkong and Amoy, (Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Hongkong and Amoy, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Straits, 1 p.m.
Siam, 1.15 p.m.
Japan, Noon.
Siam, Noon.
USA, Central and South America via San Francisco, (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 2 p.m.
Canada via Vancouver, B.C. (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Manila, Mauritius, Bombay, L. Marques and South Africa via Durban, 3 p.m.
Hongkong, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Korea (via Incheon), 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Tokyo and Foshan, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Airmail for Kowloon, Chungking and Chongqing, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Luchow and Kunming, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Saigon, Calcutta, Karachi, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Batavia, Cebu, Manila, Mauritius, Johannesburg and Cairo via Karachi, Alexandria, Rome and London, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.
Airmail for Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.
Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Ceylon, Madagascar, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden and Egypt, 3 p.m.
Hongkong, 3 p.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.
Straits, Hongkong and Calcutta, 3 p.m.
Swatow, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

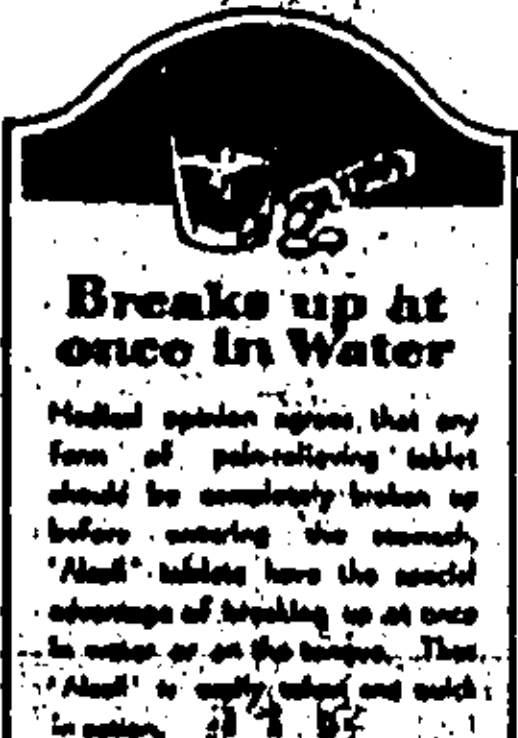
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